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U.S. TO GET WORLD CUP

By LAURIE SCHWAB

The U.S.A. is almost certain to be the 1986 World Cup host, following Brazil's withdrawal as a possible Cup venue.

Brazil withdrew because its government refused to lend its support.

The government's decision comes in the middle of a severe foreign exchange crisis. With the largest foreign debt in the developing world, estimated at \$89,000 million, Brazil recently devalued the cruzeiro by 23 per cent and took out a series of multi-billion dollar international loans.

Mexico, the USA and Canada remain the three nations vying to stage the 1986 World Cup.

FIFA will choose the successful candidate in May, but there's little doubt the nod will go to the USA.

Mexico has financial problems similar to Brazil's and FIFA is unlikely to allocate the Mexicans the World Cup on top of the World Youth Championships to be played there this year.

Canada boasts the 70,000-seat Olympic Stadium in Montreal and 60,000-seat grounds in Vancouver and Edmonton, but the Canadian government's sports agency says the nation is not in a position to give the World Cup project its full financial backing.

That leaves the USA, with its enormous promotional expertise, its huge TV networks and its many grounds.

Most of those grounds have artificial turf which is unacceptable to FIFA for World Cup competition and were designed for gridiron or baseball, but the US has offered to convert them in time.

McCurdy jailed over shooting

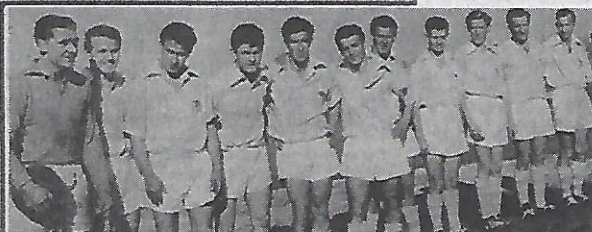
Former Northern Ireland international striker Colin McCurdy, who had a brief but impressive stint with Northcote in the Victorian Soccer League last year, has been hitting the headlines since his return to Belfast — but not always on the sports pages.

McCurdy, a member of the militant Protestant organisation the Ulster Defence Association, has been charged with raiding a confectionery shop, using a firearm or imitation firearm, robbing the shop of \$300 and causing grievous bodily harm to the Catholic owner, who was shot in the leg.

The alleged offences took place in March, 1982, shortly before the ex-Linfield and Fulham player set off for Melbourne.

Before his arrest, McCurdy had been high on the Irish League goalkeepers' list, despite playing for the mediocre Crusaders combination and was being widely tipped for further international honors.

— PAUL MOON



• Sydney club Prague of 1959 — probably the greatest side in Australian history — included five Australia stars: Tamandl, Sagi, Jaros, Schwarz and H. Ninaus. The team is, from left: R. Lord, L. Scheinflug, W. Tamandl, A. Sagi, K. Jaros, E. Schwarz, H. Ninaus, A. Purcell, S. Sherwin, K. O'Neill, K. Hiron.

Arok to meet England, Thomson in, then out

National coach Les Scheinflug sportingly threw his weight behind Frank Arok of St. George this week, although he had been let down badly by the ASF's World Cup committee.

Arok was appointed by the committee to coach the Socceroos in three matches against England in June, with Tony Boggi (Morwell Falcons) as his assistant.

Yet Scheinflug had recommended that Eddie

Thomson of Sydney City be given the job, and ASF officials had in fact, told Thomson that this would be done. At one stage, he was told to go and get a suit and tie so a Press conference could be called there and then to announce his appointment. However, the decision then was delayed until Saturday, when Arok got the nod.

"I want to help Frank Arok as much as possible," Scheinflug said this week. "He's an excellent fellow, a top coach with the score on the board, and I'm sure he'll do a great job. I will encourage him if he thinks there are players who should be brought into the squad, and I will leave him in charge totally. I will only guide him."

Scheinflug cannot coach the Socceroos in the series against England because he will be in Mexico at the time to lead the young Socceroos in the World Youth Championships. His assistant, Raul Blanco, will be with him.

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Australian artist at APIA

The arrival of APIA's star recruit Johan Scharmann has stirred memories of the golden days when Leo Baumgartner, Herbert Ninaus, Karl Jaros and Walter Tamandl spiced our soccer with their Australian artistry.

Scharmann, 33, a brilliant midfield general, played his first match for APIA two weeks ago in a 0-2 loss to Newcastle KB United. He was slowed down by a couple of heavy clashes with Craig Mason in that game, yet came close to scoring nevertheless.

Scharmann played for Vost Linz and Graz AK in the Austrian First Division, and also for the Los Angeles Aztecs in the US.

"Scharmann's an excellent player, with incredible ball skill," Scheinflug said. He's long been one of the top players in Austria and has been on the verge of selection to the Austrian national team."

Austrian players have been rare in Australian soccer since the overseas poaching which resulted in Australia's expulsion from FIFA in April, 1960.

The suspension followed complaints by overseas clubs including FK Austria and Grazer SK that Australian clubs had used their players without first securing transfer certificates.

FK Austria was asking 8000 pounds for Baumgartner, Jaros, Sagi, Tamandl, Hrcir and Schwartz who were playing with clubs in Sydney. Baumgartner's price alone was quoted at 4500 pounds. Grazer SK put a value of 1545 pounds on Herbert Ninaus and 1030 pounds on his brother Erwin. In dollar terms, the total transfer fees claimed were \$92,000.

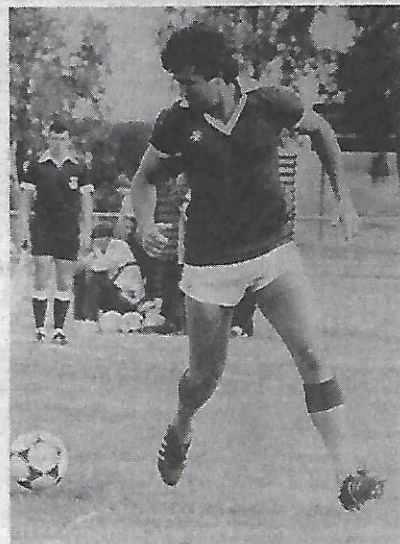
Other players concerned were Neuhold, Griletz, Fojtlin, Durnberger, Wenzl and Blutsch from Austria and van Heeswijk, van Alphen, van de Gaag, Bosklopper, Boos and Zoeteman from Holland.

Of these, van Alphen, Hrcir, Jaros, H. Ninaus, and Baumgartner went on to represent Australia.

An Australian negotiating team headed by Victoria's Theo Marmaras succeeded in having the fees reduced, and so Australia paid about \$37,000 in transfer fees to be granted re-affiliation with FIFA in July, 1963.

During the period of suspension, Australia was unable to play against overseas teams.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



APIA's new Austrian midfielder Johan Scharmann

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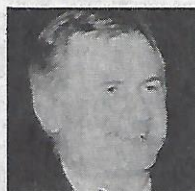
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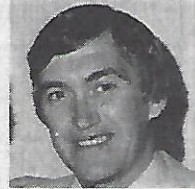
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Frank Arok



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Campbell, O'Shea, Pullen, Hogg first new men

Jim Campbell (Heidelberg), Mike O'Shea (St George), Mark Pullen (APIA) and Steve Hogg (Brisbane Lions) have been invited to the Socceroos' next training camp, starting in Sydney on March 21.

Campbell, a regular Victorian State representative, played for Australia twice against Czechoslovakia and once against AC Milan in 1980.

Hogg has played 11 games for Australia, but Pullen and O'Shea both are newcomers to the squad.

The full squad is: Goalkeepers: Martin Crook (West Adel.), Bruce James (Blacktown), defence: Robert Wheatley (Blacktown), Mike O'Shea (St George), Tony Henderson and Mark Jankovics (Marconi), Mark Pullen and Arno Bertogna (Leichhardt), Steve Blair, Bobby Russell and Alan Davidson (all Syd. Melb.), Steve Hogg (Bris. Lions), midfielders: Gary Byrne and George Christopoulos (Can.), Tony Brennan, Jim Campbell (Heidel.), Peter Raskopoulos, Peter Katholos and Marshall Soper (all Syd. Olympic), Phil O'Connor (Wollon), John Kosmina and David Mitchell (Syd. City).

Scheinfug was impressed by Ken Murphy's performance in the NSL's 2-0 victory over a Victorian State League selection at Olympic Park last Wednesday.

"He's an excellent player. Very explosive. I like him a lot and I want to see more of him," Scheinfug said.

Murphy was bought by Hellas for about \$20,000 from Melbourne Croatia at the start of the season.

He too is a regular State representative.

Scheinfug was impressed also by Doug Brown, who scored a spectacular goal for the NSL, and said he would ask for regular reports about Brown.

The coaches advising Scheinfug in Melbourne are Tony Boggi (Morwell Falcons), Rale Rasic (Hellas), Bobby McLachlan (J.U.S.T.) and State coach Tim White.

Scheinfug regards them all as extremely shrewd coaches and has a good rapport with all of them.

"My aim is to spend periods of about a week in major centres to live, sleep and eat with the players so that I can assess them fully," Scheinfug said.

"Perhaps when, say, the Victorian State team is preparing for a big match, I could be part of the preparation, as assistant to the State coach."

"I hope that the various State teams will start training on a weekly basis. The States will have to shoulder this type of responsibility to assist national selection."

Scheinfug has reintroduced Bobby Russell of Hellas for the camp from March 21 — perhaps an indication that Scheinfug believes he needs a full back to replace Alan Niven of Brisbane Lions. If so, Russell would play right back against England in June, with Alan Davidson switching to left back.

He said also that he was on the look-out for a goalkeeper. He already has had a look at Terry Greedy of St George and regards him as highly promising but stresses that older goalkeepers are best. Could it be that he will recall Sydney City's Todd Clarke who played 24 Socceroo games up to 1978?

Scheinfug also is looking for a midfield playmaker and a libero.

Against England, it's likely that Tony Henderson of Marconi will replace David Ratcliffe (St George) as libero.

"He was dying to come back against New Zealand, but he was a bit overweight then and struggling for form. Let's remember that Henderson was the best player in Australia only three years ago," Scheinfug said.

— LAURIE SCHWAB



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ASF SEEKS JK FOR OLYMPICS

By
LAURIE
SCHWAB

The Australian Soccer Federation will renew its efforts to enter a team in future Olympic Games.

It will discuss the prospect with the Australian Olympic Federation next month, says ASF secretary Brian Emery.

FIFA and the International Olympic Committee ruled 18 months ago that in principle, Australia should be permitted to compete in Olympic soccer because Australian players are not full professionals.

The Australian Olympic Federation however, has been of the opinion that the level of the players' earnings makes them ineligible for amateur status.

The New Zealand Olympic Federation has a similar attitude.

The New Zealand players who will contest Olympic qualifying matches this year had to agree to play for only \$10 a day.

Meanwhile, China has advised the ASF that its full international team is unable to take part in the proposed four-nation tournament to be held in October, because it will be playing in an Olympic qualifying tournament at the time. China has offered to send a second-string selection instead.

The point is, however, that China and many other countries are permitted by their local Olympic Federations to enter their national A teams in the Olympic soccer tournament, where as Australia can't.

Yet Olympic participation would be of great value as it would ensure continuity in international competition, slotting in between World Cup qualifying series and World Youth Championships.



● Davidson ● McCulloch ● Jankovics ● Patikas ● Brown ● Lowe ● Kay ● Martin ● Herbert ● Bertogna ● Soper

Who'll be the stars of season '83?



with PETER KATHOLOS

Everyone has been saying, with good reason, that this promises to be the most entertaining NSW season yet. Teams are eager to attack because they're getting three points for a win instead of two, and most have undergone major changes in playing staff.

But it's up to the players themselves to draw the crowds, and therefore we'll all be looking to the big stars of the league.

In my opinion, the major drawcards are going to be:

DEZ MARTON (St George) — an intelligent, deadly striker, who was Saints' top scorer with 18 goals last year. He again will be the backbone of the team in 1983. He's very fit and sharp, so I don't think his age will worry him. He sizes up opponents very shrewdly and knows what he's going to do with the ball even before he gets it. He's extremely confident and composed, and when the going gets too tough up front, he generally drops back into midfield where he's just as damaging.

RICKY HERBERT (Sydney Olympic) — the New Zealand international centre-back who's very fast and strong, and reads the game extra well in his sweeper's role. He's a confident guy who's not worried about any forward against whom he has to play. After all, he's faced the best — Zico, Socrates, Brazil, Archibald and Blokhin.

ALAN DAVIDSON (South Melbourne Hellas) — My old mate will make a tremendous impression on the league this year and will be the key man in Hellas's attempt to win the championship. What can you say about Alan — cocky, very skillful, great tackler, a tireless fanatic who always wants the ball, always does something with it and rarely, if ever, loses possession even when he's under the most intense pressure.

DOUG BROWN (South Melbourne Hellas) — Joined Hellas in a swap for George Campbell who went to Macedonia. Scored 17 goals in two seasons with Macedonia, and started his Hellas career with two in his first match, and another in the NSL's 2-0 defeat of the State League last week. He's built like a tank, has an extraordinary shot and brilliant skill.

DAVID LOWE (Newcastle KB United) — His incredible scoring feats have given him 14 goals in 16 games for the national youth team. No-one in Australia can match that in international soccer at either youth or senior levels. He comes to the ball quickly, shields it well, turns like lightning and is deadly around the box. He'll benefit from experienced Bob Mountford playing alongside him.

MARK JANKOVICS (Marconi) — OK, so he wasn't so hot last year, but he's set for a big season in 1983. I spoke to him during a Socceroo training camp and he's determined to force his way back into the national team. Mark's got the score on the board. He's Marconi's all-time top NSL scorer with 61 goals before last week-

end's matches, and he's represented Australia 30 times.

TOMMY MCCULLOCH (Marconi) — The captain of the national youth team, rewarded by Marconi coach Doug Collins with a regular midfield position in the senior team. He's a great player — composed and disciplined and very direct. He plays good, accurate passes and he's a superb team man.

ARNO BERTOGNA (APIA) — a truly dynamic defender, who transferred recently from Wollongong. He takes responsibility for all facets of play, defending strongly — especially in the air — and then moving forward to help build attacks. He's also very dangerous around the box when he goes up for free kicks or corners.

PAUL KAY (Sydney City) — just joined the Slickers, and he's determined to make a big impression so that he is included in the national team. He's just spent about two years with Charlton Athletic in England, training every day as a full professional, so he's bound to be even better than he was in 1981, when he was judged Australia's best player in the World Youth Championships.

JIM PATIKAS (Sydney Olympic) — He's been getting all kinds of wraps. They've been describing him as Bobby Charlton in the making and Tommy Docherty has tipped him to be snapped up by European scouts after the World Youth finals in June. He scored 10 goals for Sydney City before joining Olympic early this year, and is probably the No. 1 guy in the national youth team.

PHIL O'CONNOR (Wollongong) — Scored 17 goals for APIA, 26 for St. George and 16 for Wollongong, and is a star for Australia. What more can you say? In short, he's headed for another big year. When he's in form, there's not a defender in the country who can stop him. Only trouble is, he may have to carry Wollongong on his own shoulders.

MARSHALL SOPER (Sydney Olympic) —

Trueman sends Croatia through

By WALTER PLESS

Croatia-Glorych and Olympia won their opening matches at Grove Road on Wednesday night in the pre-season Cup competition in southern Tasmania. Croatia defeated Caledonians 2-1 and Olympia beat last season's State League champion, Rapid-West Point, 1-0.

In the evening's other fixture, Taroon-St Mirren and Hobart City played a 2-2 draw. Di Tommasso and Cavarretta were the City scorers while the father and son combination of C. and W. Bishop scored Taroon's goals.

Neither Croatia nor Olympia looked impressive in victory. Croatia looked sharp at times but was never able to convert its superiority into goals. Derek Trueman opened the scoring in the 16th minute for Croatia when he headed home from close range after Nunn's free kick was flicked on to him.

Caledonians were on level terms two minutes into the second half following a cross from the right by Bell. Smith, the Croatia goalkeeper, seemed to have the ball covered but then inexplicably palmed it into his own net.

Poor defensive play by Caledonians saw Huigslot score the winner with 20 minutes remaining. The lanky centre-back moved up for a corner and rammed the ball home after he was left unmarked at the far post.

The Rapid versus Olympia game looked as if it would peter out into a tame scoreless draw until Tommy Wilson made a fatal error 10 minutes after the interval. He gave the ball away to Sherman on the edge of the Rapid penalty area and the Olympia striker ran in and pushed it past Kammegesser for the only goal of the game.

Both sides had a number of excellent scoring chances but a combination of bad luck and bad shooting prevented a score. Olympia can be thankful for winning the two points although its victory was tarnished somewhat by the loss of young Tarros with a bad shoulder injury near the end.

Rapid, on the other hand, might consider itself rather unlucky to have come out of this game without even a point.

ey Olympic) — Tremendously strong, aggressive in the air, very skilful and fast, and as determined as a bulldozer, Soper will score heaps of goals for Olympic, just as he did for APIA where he notched 25 in two seasons.

Up-and-comers to watch are: Frank Farina (Canberra), Rod Brown (Marconi), Tony Dakos, Gary Phillips, Terry Patikas (Olympic), Oscar Crino (South Melbourne) and Paul Wormley (West Adelaide).

I've just opened my first business venture — Peter Katholos Sports, 259 Marrickville Road, Marrickville, phone (02) 568 3656. If you're after soccer gear of any kind, drop in. I'll help you out.

Marconi gets rock-solid sponsorship

By PETER SCOTT

If Marconi's performance in this year's national soccer league is more solid than before, then maybe it is because the Italian club is trying to emulate its new sponsor's reputation.

As of last weekend's first round, the Fairfielders have the financial backing of the Gypsum Products Group of industrial giant CSR.

As club president Fausto Ferrari joyfully told us, the new deal is bringing \$25,000 of hard cash into the Marconi kitty. And that's not all.

"Approximately another \$10,000 in fringe benefits will most likely be available as soon as the loose ends of the deal are finalised," he said.

"This awaits the return from Japan of the sponsor's manager, David Irons, and will be announced at a special function for the media and all our friends."

Strangely but perhaps not surprisingly in the current difficult economic climate, the deal was not clinched by high-powered professional public relations.

It was brought about through the involvement of a long-standing Marconi club member, Charlie Morabito, who, through his business, has established and nurtured an excellent relationship with CSR.

Mr Ferrari emphasised the significance of the sponsorship which is CSR's first involvement on a seasonal basis with sport.

The company's only other sporting connection, according to Mr Ferrari, is the promotion of an annual Australia-Japan golf tourney.

The deal is initially for one season with options for extension by CSR beyond 1983.

"Marconi will do everything within its power to give our sponsor value for money on and off the soccer field," Mr Ferrari promised.

CSR's sponsorship replaces Datsun's involvement as the main corporate supporter of Marconi.

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Croatia threat to Ajax, five in relegation battle?

Melbourne Croatia looms as Green Gully Ajax's major threat as the green and whites start their campaign this weekend to win a third successive Victorian State League championship.

With Tommy Cumming back, and coach John Gardiner ready to strike on the transfer market and sign a couple of players, Croatia looks like the main opponent to the fluent, well drilled Ajax machine.

Morwell Falcons, Croydon and Juventus could vie for third and fourth spots in the top four and qualification for the end-of-season State League Cup competition.

The relegation issue is hazy. Box Hill, Ringwood, Wertheim, Northcote, Albion and Doveton are being freely tipped to struggle. I'm not as sure as some of the other so-called experts.

DOVETON V WILHELMINA Warath Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm

As we went to press Wilhelmmina was trying to finalise the signing of Alan Pongho from Croydon while Doveton was making a last ditch for Frankston City midfielder Billy Buchanan.

Transfer listed Wilhelmmina goalkeeper Ken Barclay may resolve his dispute with the club this week. If not, the number one choice between the stick lies between Rick Jansen from Croydon and former Nunawading City keeper Stuart Lee.

Don Pasman, Wilhelmmina's right back, still is plagued by an ankle injury but is expected to play on Sunday. The left back spot looks like a match in two between Ron Verniers and former Melbourne Croatia and Croatia Glenorchy defender Kevin Adams.

Wilhelmmina has lost John Luyten to Springvale, Billy de Graff, possibly to Wollongong and Joe Carroll to Footscray U.S.T.

The Dutch sponsored club however has signed former Manchester United, Sydney Olympic and Croydon striker David Cork, 24, a visa player.

Brian Cattie and Gary van Leuven, from the reserves, have been promoted to the first team squad. Forward Guy Bakker has been signed from Croydon.

New defender Eddie Pena from Blacktown, looks likely to partner Dave Brooks in the centre of Wilhelmmina's defence.

Wilhelmmina still is keen to sign defender or midfielder Peter Denridder from Croydon. Craig White has joined from Kew City.

The Doves have lost Steve Irvine to Croydon, Jim Train to Falcons, Lou Ivanoff to Frankston Pines, Alan Quin to Sandringham and Warren Spink to the Australian institute of sport.

Midfielder Howard Andrews, ex-South Melbourne Hellas and Melbourne Croatia, may join Springvale City.

Doveton expects Scottish import Graham Watson to arrive within a fortnight. The 22 year old striker spent three years with Glasgow Rangers. He's currently playing for Renfrew Juniors.

Doveton hope that Andy Millar from Melbourne will be able to fill the gaping defensive hole left by Train's departure to Falcons. Millar was signed late last week for a \$350 transfer fee.

Once again Doveton's striking fortunes lie at the feet of Ian Stinton and Stan Webster. This duo played an integral role in Doveton's successful fight to avoid relegation last year.

In last year's corresponding fixture at Warath Reserve, Doveton thumped Wilhelmmina 7-0 with Stinton scoring four and Webster three goals. Even the most diehard Doveton fan



Tommy Cumming

wouldn't predict a similar result judging by their team's dismal Buffalo Cup effort.

However, the Doves played many youngsters in the cup. Now it's bread and butter time and Doveton should gain its first win of the league season at Wilhelmmina's expense.

FAWKNER V BOX HILL Jukes Road, Sunday, 3 pm

Scottish striker Alan McKenna is expected to arrive later this week in time for this clash between the two newcomers to State League.

McKenna, 21, has five Scottish youth team caps to his credit and has played with Millwall and Berwick Rangers. He's a tall, aggressive youngster, just the type of player needed to boost the quality of the Hillmen's squad.

Scott Patterson could stay at Wembley Park. His pending move to Preston Makedonia fell through. He's recovering from a knee injury and should be fit to start training next week. If so, negotiations for his stay at Box Hill will commence.

The Hillman finalised the signing of Richard Miranda from Makedonia late last week for about \$4000. Miranda starred in Box Hill's 4-2 win over South Melbourne Hellas in a friendly match at Middle Park last Thursday night, scoring two goals. He played in midfield and probably will line up there again on Sunday.

Matt McDonald, a 23 year old Scottish midfielder, walked into Wembley Park about three weeks ago and has impressed greatly. He played with Whitburn Juniors in Scotland.

Jack Trainer, who has 105 first team appearances with Halifax Town and also has played with Bury, Cork Hibernian and Hong Kong club Bulova, is expected here within a fortnight. He's a strong centre half and when he arrives probably will vie with veteran stopper Down Browlie for a first team berth.

I think the Hillmen will grab a point against Cedo Ciricovic's Fawkner outfit at Jukes Road on Sunday.

Fawkner boasts Joe Palinkas, ex-J.U.S.T. and Brisbane City, and Ian Tuffield, ex-Makedonia, up front but the young Hillmen can stand firm.

Ian Rodhouse is one of the quickest full backs in the league. His pace and recovery could be the perfect foil for Palinkas.

CROYDON V MORWELL Croydon Park Sunday, 3 pm

Morwell Falcons, with Jim MacLean calling the shots in midfield and Noel Mitten and Bobby McGuinness buzzing up front, can beat Croydon at Croydon Park on Sunday.

Falcons are one of the most exciting attacking outfits in State League. Even against the solid Croydon defence, led



By CRAIG MACKENZIE

by captain Steve McCombe and sweeper Ian Dobson, Falcons can emerge triumphant.

Will o' the wisp McGuinness, Victorian Rothmans Medal winner in 1980, is an outstanding opportunist and a deadly finisher.

Victorian soccer fans won't have seen much of former Brisbane Lions midfielder MacLean. What a treat they have in store.

Falcons will adopt a 4-2-2 formation on Sunday. If their attempt to sign Hellas striker, Alun Evans, fails, if Evans plays then he'll be used as the target man for McGuinness with Mitten taking on a wide, attacking role.

Croydon's new Scottish import, Joe Sweeney, will get an inhospitable welcome to State League from Falcons captain John Higham, former Liverpool and Preston Makedonia defender.

Higham's aggression is an integral part of Falcon's defensive make-up. Sweeper Sandy Irvine, right back Grant Smart and left back Jim Train are the others who have to cope with Croydon's forwards.

A sidelight to the game will be the clash between Train and Steve Irvine, team mates at Doveton last year.

With Sweeney and Irvine joining Croydon, coach Bill McArthur has pleasing selection problems. Should he play with four up front? Or push Peter Loughnane deep into a right sided midfield role in place of Mark Brown who performed well in the Buffalo Cup? Is Ian Loughnane match fit enough to play?

These are just some of the questions McArthur must answer before Sunday's Clash.

S.M. HELLAS V NORTHCOTE Middle Park, Saturday, 2.45 pm

Our panel of tipsters heavily favor home team South Melbourne Hellas but I'll stick my neck out and go for a draw. I'm betting that Northcote's two Northern Irish imports, stopper John Creany, goalkeeper "Rocky" Tachiris and a much improved midfield will at least get the Northerners a point here.

The Northern Irishmen arrived last Friday and their credentials suggest that they greatly will add to the quality of Northcote's first team.

Both came from Crusaders in the Irish League. Jeff Gorman, 29, is a full back. Mark Wilson, 21, is a defensive midfielder who has been capped for the Northern Ireland under-21's.

Northcote has lost interest in signing dissident Hellas striker Duncan Cummings.

As we went to press Northcote had switched its attention to Hellas striker Alun Evans. It was having a battle on its hands to sign the former Liverpool star as Heidelberg and Morwell Falcons also are reported to be keen on him. It is believed that Evans' transfer fee, should he leave Hellas, will be no more than \$5000.

Northcote signed goalkeeper Tachiris from Sunshine-George Cross late last week for \$2000. This is the youngster's second stint with the Northerners and he'll be vying with another young, promising keeper, John Giannopoulos, for the number one custodian's role.

Steve Kakantonis of Hellas impressed me as a sweeper in the recent Buffalo Cup competition. He'll have rugged

George Hannah in front of him which enables Chris Kakantonis to be used either as a full back or midfielder by coach Jim Armstrong.

ALBION ROVERS V MELB. CROATIA Selwyn Park, Sunday, 3 pm

Croatia rightly will go into this match as favourite, despite its dislike of the Selwyn Park pitch and the home side's competitiveness, and should win.

Croatia president Joe Sigur is confident of winning the State League championship now that John Gardiner is at the coaching helm and Tommy Cumming is back in action.

As we went to press Croatia and Ajax were close to reaching agreement on a transfer fee for Gardiner. Initially, Ajax placed \$5000 on Gardiner's head. The VSF Appeals Board cut the fee to \$3500. Ajax appealed, won and the \$5000 fee stood. I believe however, that a former high ranking Croatia official has had an earnest conversation with Ajax president Gus Spiteri and treasurer Arnold Langer and Ajax may accept an offer of \$3800. The ball's in Croatia's court now. Let's see if it makes such an offer.

Albion was set to lose Andy McMillan to Frankston Pines as we went to press. It already has lost Kevin Lloyd and John Creany and was waiting for Gary Cutler to find another club so that a visa vacancy could be created for Hellas left sided attacking player Eddie Gray.

Albion still is trying to sign Ron McIvor from Preston Makedonia but Makedonia's reported asking price of \$3500 was proving prohibitive.

Kenny Smart is back in training and could play on Sunday, as could Charlie Spiteri who has resolved a dispute with the club.

Mike D'Sylva, Peter Dickson and Keiron Coyle probably will be given the task of trying to find a way through a well drilled Croatia defence. If Gardiner's pending switch from Ajax is delayed then Keith Adams will be sweeper with tall, aggressive Sean Parton in the stopper's role.

Steve "Butch" Kokoska has retired after an outstanding State League and Victorian state team career. He'll be the subject of a major feature in "Soccer Action" soon.

Transfer listed Morwell Falcons striker, Richie McClunie, has been training with Croatia and may join.

SUN-G. CROSS V JUVENTUS Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm

Sunshine-George Cross wants to sign Richie McClunie, Mick McGorian and Bill Morrey. Juventus also is keen to sign McGorian. The combine has been contacted by Rob Cullen who wants to return to Australia from his native Scotland, probably in May.

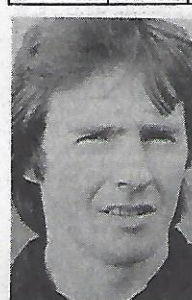
The hitch to the Cullen deal could be Preston Makedonia's asking fee. Cullen transferred from George Cross to Makedonia in 1978 for \$6500. Apparently, Makedonia wants a few thousand dollars more. It seems that about \$5000 would be more to the combine's liking.

The anticipated clear-out at Chaplin Reserve took place late last week. Dave Rigby, Hugh McCann, George Waters, Steve Ellis, Jimmy McRobert and John McNally joined Billy Wilkinson, Damien Morgan, Ray Mizzi, Oliver Gay and Robert Amos on the transfer list. Wilkinson reportedly was about to join Bell Park, Broadmeadows have shown interest in signing Mizzi and Northcote has lost interest in Gay after signing goalkeeper "Rocky" Tachiris from Sunshine-George Cross.

The combine still was waiting for striker Norrie Pate to gain permanent residency to enable Steve Richardson, Roger Bain and Chris Taylor to take up the three player visa vacancy quota and be eligible to play on Sunday.

If Morrey and McGorian are signed in time then it's likely that combine coach Tony Vella

	LAURIE SCHWAB	PETER DEBINA	CRAIG MACKENZIE	TIM WHITE	DOD BRIAN	LEE SHORROCK
Hellas v Northcote	Hellas	Hellas	Draw	Hellas	Hellas	Hellas
Sun-G.C. v Juventus	Juventus	Juventus	Juventus	Draw	Juventus	Juventus
Croydon v Morwell	Croydon	Draw	Morwell	Croydon	Croydon	Draw
Doveton v R'wood W.	Doveton	Doveton	Doveton	R'wood W.	Draw	R'wood W.
Polonia v G.G.Ajax	Ajax	Ajax	Ajax	Ajax	Ajax	Ajax
Albion v Croatia	Croatia	Croatia	Croatia	Croatia	Croatia	Croatia
Fawkner v Box Hill	Fawkner	Fawkner	Draw	Draw	Draw	Draw



Rob Cullen

will use a 4-2-4 formation against Juventus with McGorian and Morrey the wide, flanking strikers and Pate linking up with Carl Gilder in a more central striking role.

Juventus has strengthened last year's squad by the inclusion of striker Kevin Lloyd from Albion, midfielder Billy Rovers from Hellas and stop-

per Paul Drinoczky from Frankston City. Peter Donaldson, who did a fine job as stopper last year, was placed on the transfer list last week.

Juventus coach John Margartis will be travelling to Chaplin Reserve confident of collecting both points. I see no reason to doubt such confidence. Juve should win.

POLONIA V G.G. AJAX Raleigh Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm

Mike Lynn makes his State League coaching debut here. The VSF fixtures committee certainly didn't show any sympathy for Lynn by pitting his Polonia side against State League champion Green Gully Ajax.

Lynn, though, is optimistic about facing up to Ajax. "We'll surprise quite a few people on Sunday, especially the Ajax players," he said.

Polonia finalised the \$1500 transfer of stopper Danny

McCluskey from Kew City last Friday. McCluskey, ex-Hellas, Albion and Frankston City, is reported to be improving his fitness rapidly and should be an excellent signing for Polonia.

If he plays on Sunday he probably will be given the job of marking Ajax ace Bobby Toal, signed from Sunshine-George Cross for \$4500 earlier this year. Croatia and Heidelberg United must be kicking themselves for allowing Ajax to beat them to the punch and sign Toal.

Paul Lewis, winner of our Ametco Travel State League Top Scorer award last season, could be marked Andy Czupnik.

Our Ametco Travel State League Player of the Year for 1982, Stefan Milla, will be sweeper on Sunday and has the crucial role of giving good cover to the markers for Toal and Lewis.

Polonia's full backs probably will push well forward in support of Polonia's strike force, comprising gigantic Alex Marshall, Janusz Przybyla and Brendan Lalic.



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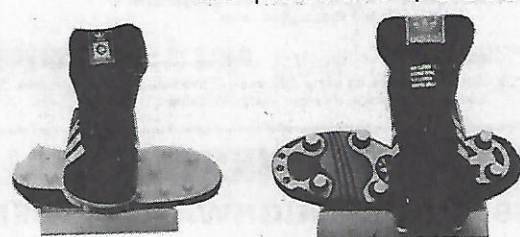
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Azzurri, Polonia threat to NSL

SA Ampol Cup with MENO TOUTSIDIS

SA's two National League sides, West Adelaide and Adelaide City, are no certainties to qualify for next week's Ampol Cup final.

West Adelaide meets Azzurri in one semi-final tonight (Wednesday) while Adelaide City and Polonia confront each other in the second semi-final.

While both NSL sides will experience some difficulty, I expect Adelaide City will face the biggest danger.

Polonia tested West Adelaide before going down 1-2 in a Group A match recently, and after its big 5-1 win over Para Hills last week they should be in the mood to claim a big scalp.

City, though they destroyed Azzurri 3-1 a few weeks ago, have looked far from convincing in recent weeks.

They lost 0-1 to West in a National Cup match a week ago and could only manage a 2-0 win over lowly Campbelltown last week in a Group B Ampol match.

Polonia were looking for goals against Paros (they needed a minimum of a two goal win) but they will almost certainly play it tight against City.

Polonia coach Dave Jenkins is a shrewd strategist and though he may not have the quality players of which City can boast, he is far more experienced in the coaching sphere, at least in Australia, than City's Bobby Ferguson.

It was Jenkins, if you recall, who took Croatia to the 1978 Ampol Cup final which they lost 0-2 to West Adelaide in extra time.

Final tables:

GROUP A					
	W	D	L	F	A
West Adelaide.....	2	1	0	4	2
Polonia.....	1	1	1	6	3
Croatia.....	1	1	1	2	3
Para Hills.....	0	1	2	2	8

GROUP B					
	W	D	L	F	A
Adelaide City.....	3	0	0	9	1
Azzurri.....	2	0	1	7	4
Campbelltown.....	1	0	1	6	2
Beograd.....	0	0	3	1	7

GROUP C					
	W	D	L	F	A
Adelaide City.....	3	0	0	9	1
Azzurri.....	2	0	1	7	4
Campbelltown.....	1	0	1	6	2
Beograd.....	0	0	3	1	7

The West Adelaide-Azzurri clash will be fascinating as the NSL team comprises three former Azzurri players.

Coach Alan Vest signed big stopper Robbie Dunn from Azzurri last year and this year added two more of Azzurri's big guns — striker Wally Bojczuk and midfielder Stewart Blair.

While neither Bojczuk or Blair (hampered by injury) have yet, had the impact West were hoping for, the sight of their former team-mates could spur them on.

West won the Ampol Cup last year when they shot down Adelaide City in a penalty shoot-out after the scores were tied 0-0 at the end of extra time.

Results: POLONIA 5 (Dooley 14th, 28th, Di Bartolo 45th, 57th, Kiernan 18th) PARA HILLS 1 (Gardiner 74th).

ADELAIDE CITY 2 (Miller 45th, Rankin 77th) CAMPBELLTOWN 0.

ADELAIDE CITY: McNally — B. Nykko, Manoo, Barfield, Miller — Mello, Dooly, J. Nykko — Carter, Miller (Rankin), Wright.

CAMPBELLTOWN: Pivetta — Richardson, Parsons, Barndroft, Matkovic — Velez, Edwards, Haliday — Adams, Matkovic, Webb.

POLONIA: Jacques — Di Bartolo, Calver, Stancik, Kalicki — Dooley, Kiernan, Blagovick — Priemont, M. Kozmin, Kuzinski.

PARA HILLS: Wood, Ryan, Humphreys, Gardiner, Harvey — Hughes, Cole, Tomlinson — Amos, Kerr, Mitchell.

Riverwood, Sutherland, Croatia and Blacktown again will dominate the NSW State League if the results of the first round are an indication of things to come.

Croatia breezed past Canterbury at King Tomislav, Sutherland picked up its full bag of points with an effortless win over Bankstown as did Blacktown against Monaro at the Gabble, while Riverwood hammered Auburn.

It is worth noting that Melita Eagles collected its first two points of the season against Manly at Melita Stadium, indicating that the battle for the top four places is far from over.

Avala, the big spender in the off-season, only could manage a draw against Kuringal and will have to improve should it wish to lay claim to a top spot in the league.

Melita 3 Manly 1

Scorers: Smith (pen, Manly), Duarte, Jamieson, Geoghean o.g. (Melita).

MELITA EAGLES: A. McPherson, McCoy (R. McPherson 85'), Cross, Daley, McGinn, Mickelthwait, Duarte, Jamieson, Allan, Ferrugia, Williams (Martinez 40').

MANLY: Ellis, Geoghean, Doyle, K. Falconer, Scott, Jones (Hale 78'), Sherman, Van Helden, T. Smith (K. Russell 78'), P. Falconer, Stuart.

This four struggle at Melita Stadium was resolved during the second half when Melita Eagles took the upper hand to score two goals and clinch the points.

Despite Melita's ascendancy during the second period, the result could have been different but for a bad mistake by Robert Geoghean with 10 minutes remaining. His attempted back pass sailed over Ellis's head and into the net for Melita's third goal, which sealed the match for the Eagles.

Both sides showed commitment to attack early, giving McPherson at one end and Ellis at the other quite a lot to do, with Manly striking first. Van Helden was brought down inside the area and from a resultant penalty, Terry Smith scored to make it 1-0.

Dennis Duarte equalised in the 38th minute. His shot from the edge of the penalty area went through the legs of Keith Falconer and past an unsuspecting Ellis.

With the wind at its back Melita surged forward in the second half to assume the dominant role.

17 minutes into this half Manly was under pressure. Falconer headed straight at

the feet of Alex Jamieson who hammered a great shot from the edge of the area past Ellis for Melita's second goal.

Soon after Don Allan had the chance of the match but stumbled at the crucial moment allowing Ellis to save, then came the misunderstanding between Ellis and Geoghean to complete the scoreline.

Melita's best were Ray Farrugia, Jamieson and Colin McAusland with Hector Martinez showing once again all his flair and trickery during the second period.

Andy Scott, the recently acquired player from Sydney Olympic, was Manly's best with Smith and Sherman also having strong games.

Riverwood 4 Auburn 0

Scorers: A. Tracey 2, T. Jones, Rydstand.

RIVERWOOD: Gilmour, Nikas, Deaton (Rydstand 26'), Foxworth, D. Smith, Juchaczewicz, Butcher, Tracey, Mickovski, T. Jones, Colucci.

AUBURN: Bowman, Gulgley, Kilbally, Plandrac (83' sent off), Pryor, Dale, Robaric (Manago 61'), Lark, Carney, McCann (Alan 67'), Kinsey.

Riverwood, despite all the problems which besieged the club at the end of last season and the start of this one, continues to get good results on the soccer park.

Losing its sponsor, then shortly afterwards coach Attie Abonyi, was just the tip of the iceberg, it seemed. Recently Riverwood lost its new coach Ila Takac, then star midfielder John Stodart, but despite all that, plus the non-appearance of Brian Parker, the side managed to wallow Auburn to the tune of 4-0 and



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Polonia 2 drew with Yugal 2, Croatia 2 d Canterbury 0, Sutherland 3 d Bankstown 1, Riverwood 4 d Auburn 0, Avala 1 drew with Ku-Ring-Gal 1, Blacktown 3 d Monaro 1, Melita 3 d Manly 1.

SECOND GRADE: Yugal 1 d Polonia 0, Croatia 3 d Canterbury 1, Bankstown 1 d Sutherland 0, Riverwood 5 d Auburn 3, Ku-ring-gal 2 d Avala 0, Blacktown 1 d Monaro 0, Melita 4 d Manly 2.

THIRD GRADE: Polonia 2 d Yugal 1, Croatia 1 drew with Canterbury 1, Sutherland 3 d Bankstown 1, Auburn 5 d Riverwood 0, Ku-ring-gal 3 d Avala 1, Manly 3 d Melita 2.

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leads the competition after the first round.

In the process Andy Tracey, its player-coach, scored two goals in four minutes at the start of the game.

The first goal came after three minutes with Tracey in good position to pick up a loose pass and slam it past Bowman. Four minutes later Tracey was given another opportunity, this time from the penalty spot after an indiscretion by Nicky Dale and the score read 2-0.

Terry Jones completed the scoreline for the first half in the 43rd making it 3-0 to Riverwood, then Rydstand broke clear in the 78th to score the fourth. This last goal was a little dubious for Rydstand was an "even-money" bet to be given offside but the flag stayed down.

For Riverwood, despite this win, things still are grim. The NSW Soccer Federation will have to look into the problems

of the club and offer its advice soon.

And while the NSWFF is pondering Riverwood's future, Tracey will certainly celebrate. During last season Riverwood managed to take only one point out of four against Auburn.

Blacktown 3 Inter Monaro 1

Scorers: Kirwan (pen), Rasmussen, Quarmby (B), Ross (IM).

BLACKTOWN: Freeman, Rasmussen, Turskic, Brogan, Pointer, Selva, Quarmby, Stoddart, McLaughlin, Larkin, Kirwan.

INTER MONARO: Curic, Calderin, Santolin, Frances, Seuchuca, Aguero, Wilcox (Castanillo 46'), Godzik, Popovic (Djordjevic 80'), Ross.

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Almost from the start, Blacktown surged forward and was awarded a penalty with Paul Kirwan converting to make it 1-0. Two minutes later Rasmussen made it 2-0 and it looked very bleak for Monaro.

After 24 minutes Blacktown went 3-0 up with Michael Quarmby the scorer and the Gabble Stadium was alive with the expectations of more. But Inter Monaro hit back with a gutsy second half display which saw the visitors strike home that so important consolation goal.

It came after 83 minutes through Allan Rees.

Tony Rasmussen, Michael Quarmby and John Larkin were the pick for the winner, while Popovic and Godzik (ex-Apia) were the best for the visitors.

Both players have a lot of skill with Larkin definitely the best prospect at the Gabble for many years, but both must improve their finishing.

The surprise packet of the afternoon was Paul Kirwan, who was listless and unimpressive. Strange, from a player who unusually plays with a lot of zest and is always on the lookout to score.

Inter Monaro has some fine players but will find going tough this season simply because of the lack of fire power up front. Walter and Mauro Valeri were sadly missed, with Walter playing for APFA and Mauro out of the side through injury.

Avala 1 Kuringal 1

Scorers: Fernandez (A), Reagan (K).

AVALA: Ahrens, Lambryk, Deller, Barton, Paterson, Milne, Housland, Yousef (Williams), Burrows, Fernandez, Kurekovic.

KURINGAL: Antonak, Gowers, Duke, Jasso, Robertson, Hendry, Birkson, Davidson, Reagan, Gervin, Eaton.

Gavin (ex-Sydney Olympic), Reagan (Manly) and Eaton (Olympic) were up front for Kuringal whilst Avala had Burrows and Housland from Blacktown in their tri-colours.

Fernandez put Avala into the lead as early as the fifth minute but close to half time Steve Deller handled in the area and from a resultant penalty Stuart Reagan made it 1-1.

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The depleted Sydney City team that beat Brisbane Lions 2-0 last Sunday, from left, standing: E. Thomson (coach), G. Gomez, I. Brown, T. Pazzano, A. Robertson, S. O'Connor, J. Kosmina, B. Ferry (physiotherapist). Front: G. Lee, J. Watson, J. Cant, W. Murray, K. Mullen, K. Boden. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Bye-bye Olympic!

By
**LAURIE
SCHWAB**

Tommy Docherty's glamor team Sydney Olympic may find itself six points behind the NSL leaders after he returns to Middle Park on Sunday to take on his former team, South Melbourne Hellas.

Against West Adelaide Hellas last week, Olympic did not have the power to break down the resolute West defence, despite the presence of big-name recruits Marshall Soper and Jim Patikas, backed by Peter Katholos.

Hellas has a better defence than Olympic, which is experimenting with winger Graham Jennings in a defensive position, so if Olympic couldn't beat the West Adelaide back men, they won't beat the Hellas defenders either.

Watch out for the Hellas attack of Charlie Egan, Steve Woodin and especially Doug Brown, backed up by hard-shooting Ken Murphy. I can't see any way the Olympic defence will stop them, even though traditionally, this fixture usually results in a draw.

Record so far: Hellas 4 wins 1 loss, 14-12 goals.

Makedonia v. Heidelberg

Record so far: 1 win and 2 draws each, Heidelberg has 4-3 goals advantage.

If Makedonia coach Peter Ollerton plays it smart, he'll leave the team unchanged, as it's heading the ladder after the first round. With Ollerton as the in-field leader, Makedonia murdered Footscray JUST and didn't have a single disappointing player.

Alex Livingstone, from Scottish club Albion Rovers, and Alan Whittle, are waiting to come in, but Ollerton would be better advised to make them wait.

APIA v. St. George

Record so far: St. George 3 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses, 10-8

NSL team of the week

CROOK (WAdel)		YANKOS (H'berg)	
TOKESI (Briab.C)	MCCACHEY (WAdel)	BERTOGNA (APIA)	MURPHY (SM-Hellas)
OLLERTON (Makedonia)	KATHOLOS (Syd.Olymp)	MURRAY (Syd.C)	
MAXWELL (Adel.C)	LUCCHESE (Makedonia)		



Brisbane City, back row: Jim Hermiston (coach), Hughes, Liddell, Tokes, Wishart, Bromfield, Glockner, Williamson. Front row: Hamilton, Pimblett, Perry, Cairney, Wilkinson. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

National League STANDINGS

	HOME	AWAY	Gls	Pts
	W D L F A W D L F A			
PRESTON-MAKEDONIA	0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 4 1	14:1	3
HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER	1 0 0 2 0	0 0 0 0 0	0:0	3
SYD.CITY HAKOAH	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 2 0	0:0	3
WEST ADEL HELLAS	0 0 0 0 1	0 0 0 1 0	1:0	3
St. George Budapest	1 0 0 1 0	0 0 0 0 0	0:1	3
Canberra City	0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 1 0	1:0	3
Adel. City Juventus	0 0 0 0 0	1 0 0 2 2	2:2	1
Sth Melb. Hellas	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0:0	1
Brisbane City	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 1	1:1	1
Marconi-Datsun	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 1 1	1:1	1
Wollongong	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0:0	1
Newcastle KB Utd.	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0:0	1
Sydney Olympic	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0:0	1
APIA-Leichhardt	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0:0	1
Brisbane Lions	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0:0	1
Footscray JUST	0 0 0 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	0:0	1

BEST PLAYER VOTING

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (McLeod) 4 (Ollerton 2, Ward, Campbell) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd about 4000. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Ollerton (Mak), 5. Lucchese (Mak), 4. Carroll (JUST), 3. Odzakovic (Mak), 2. Ward (Mak), 1. Campbell (Mak).

WOLLONGONG 1 (O'Connor) 2 (Brisbane City 1 (Willis own goal) at Ziena Park. Crowd about 1400. Votes by Philippe Micallef:

6. Tokes (BC), 5. Perry (BC), 4. Liddell (BC), 3. O'Connor (W), 2. McBrean (W), 1. Dunleavy (W).

BRISBANE LIONS 0 SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Gomez, Kosmina) at Richmond. Crowd about 1200. Votes by Ricky Roscoe:

6. Gomez (BC), 5. Murray (SC), 4. Sims (BL), 3. Stewart (BL), 2. Kosmina (SC), 1. Hunter (BL).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Taylor, Vincent) APIA-LEICHHARDT at Olympic Village. Crowd about 3500. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Yankos (H), 5. Bertogna (APIA), 4. Vincent (H), 3. Macleod (H), 2. Bradley (APIA), 1. McKie (H).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Maxwell 2) 2 (Canberra City 2 (Redmond, Farina) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 2803. Votes by Meno Tourkaidis:

6. Maxwell (AC), 5. Hozzowski (C), 4. Farina (C), 3. Melts (AC), 2. T. Byrne (C), 1. Miller (AC).

MARCONI-DATSON 1 (McCulloch) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Egan) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd 2855. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Murphy (SM), 5. Henderson (M), 4. Holford (SM), 3. Maher (M), 2. Rizzotto (M), 1. Xanthopoulos (SM).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 0 WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1

(Hays) at Lambert Park. Crowd 5010. Votes by Charlie Spiteri:

6. McGachey (WA), 5. Crook (WA), 4. Katholos (SO), 3. Petikas (SO), 2. Dunn (WA), 1. Honeyman (WA).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 1 (K. Wilson) NEWCASTLE KB UTD 0 at St. George Stadium. Crowd 2150. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Goelling (N), 5. Ratcliffe (St.G), 4. Meier (N), 3. Stone (St.G), 2. Jones (N), 1. H. Tredinnick (N).

Newcastle KB v Wollongong

Record so far: Wollongong 2 wins, 2 draws, 5-2 goals.

Wollongong, coach Willie Wallace says his midfield isn't up to standard. The blend is wrong, he says, so I can't see any result other than a Newcastle victory, with David Lowe leading the charge as usual.

Howard Tredinnick probably will get the job of marking Wollongong's Phil O'Connor and if he succeeds, Wollongong will be left with only Paul Cotton, who won't find it easy against Peter Burke and Gary Watson.

Brisbane City v Adelaide City

Record so far: Brisbane City: 6 wins, 2 draws, 4 losses, 18-15 goals.

Adelaide City coach Bobby Ferguson has come up with two trump cards — striker Steve Maxwell and goalkeeper Willie McNally.

West Adelaide v Footscray JUST

Record so far: West Adelaide 6 wins, 3 draws, 3 losses, 20-12 goals.

JUST started disastrously but its most surprising victories usually take place in Adelaide.

Ironically, JUST this week will try to move heaven and earth to sign a West Adelaide player, Alan Boath, captain of New Zealand in its two recent wins against Australia.

JUST coach Bobby McLachlan also wants John Stevenson from Hellas, and the club would be well-advised to buy him.

Paul Wormley, the big West Adelaide striker, will sink JUST unless JUST tightens up the centre of its defence, but on the other hand, Lujic and Joe Carroll have what it takes to down West Adelaide.

My tip is a draw.

Sydney City v Marconi

Record so far: 5 wins and 2 draws each, 17-17 goals.

Neither side has an edge on previous results, so it depends on whether we can pinpoint any advantage one has over the other at the moment.

Mark Jankovics and Atti Carbone may have recovered from injuries and Jovan Djordjevic may force his way into the side at Ian Hunter's expense, but I can't see much wrong with a Sydney City

Canberra v Brisbane Lions

Record so far: Brisbane Lions 8 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss, 29-12 goals.

Having dominated Canberra since 1977, Brisbane Lions are about to lose their grip.

Canberra is a far superior team this year, with a winning midfield (Christopoulos, Byrne, Cole) and the addition of youth international Frank Farina up front, alongside big Phil Redmond.

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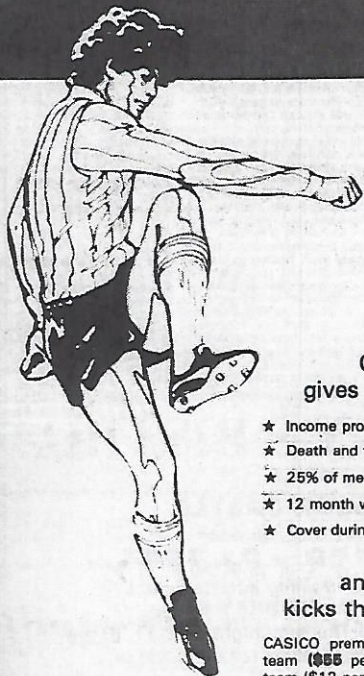
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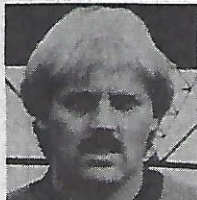
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Ollerton gets two, Lujic at left back



Peter Ollerton



Claude Lucchesi



Gary Ward

MURPHY MAN OF THE MATCH

Marconi 1 SM-Hellas 1

Stadium: Marconi.
Crowd: 2858.
Referee: Doug Rennie 8.
Goals: McCulloch (M), Egan (SM).

MARCONI: Maher 8, Deagney 7, Rizzotto 8, Henderson 8, Budini 7, McCulloch 7, Davies 6, Sermanni 6, Hunter 6 (Djordjevic 57th - 8), Brown 6, Licata 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Leumets 7, Russell 6, Xanthopoulos 7, Blair 7, Davidson 7, Holford 8, Murphy 8, Crino 5 (Buljevic 86), Wooddin 6, Brown 6, Egan 6.

While the visitors looked sluggish during the first period, they were also far more dangerous and could easily have scored a few goals. Allan Maher made a brilliant save, diving at the feet of Crino in the 8th minute and followed with an interception of a cross by Doug Brown, snatching the ball from the feet of Charlie Egan.

Marconi's goal, which came after only two minutes and was scored by Tommy McCulloch after a corner kick from the right, was cancelled by Egan after 27 minutes. Bobby Russell went to the edge of Marconi's penalty area, crossed and Egan was on hand to tap it past Maher.

Despite the chances which came Hellas's way, Marconi looked faster and certainly a better bet for the second 45



Alex Vesic

minutes. However, Hellas had other ideas. From the kickoff they slipped into fourth gear and within 10 minutes had four chances to score.

Doug Brown's header just cleared the bar, Murphy hit the crossbar, then again that man Maher saved brilliantly from a point-blank header by Blair and Holford came close with his header only metres

away from goal. This time Maher was beaten but the ball grazed the upright.

In the 71st minute Egan should have scored. Ken Murphy's pass put Egan into the clear and Maher looked beaten but a shot from Egan finished well over the bar.

A last-ditch effort to alter the scoreline was made by coach Rale Rasic, who introduced Branko Buljevic, the 1974 Soccerroo, to his line-up in place of Oscar Crino. Only two minutes after his introduction and with two minutes to go Buljevic cleverly put Alan Davidson into space and Maher came out of goal.

So the game ended in a draw, leaving Hellas to ponder about the lost chances, while

Foots. JUST 1 Makedonia 4

Venue: Schindler Reserve.
Footscray.
Scorers: Ollerton 10th & 76th, Ward 25th, Campbell 76th (Mak); Macleod 44th (JUST).

Crowd: About 4000.
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.
Cautions: Ollerton, Lucchesi (Mak), Hazabent (JUST).
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 5 - Hazabent 5, O'Reilly 6, Kondarios 6, Lujic 6 - Turill 6, Kyriakoulas 5, Illoski 5 -

Simic 7, Carroll 8, Macleod 6 (Curran 91st).
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8 - Opasinas 7, Todorovski 6, Jones 8, Petrovski 8 - Ollerton 8 (Farrell 64th), McMillan 8, Odzakov 8, Lucchesi 9, Ward 8, Campbell 8.

Peter Ollerton joined Doug Brown as Makedonia's all-time top NSL scorer by notching two in this game to bring his total to 18 since the start of 1981.

By including himself in the team ahead of Alex White and newcomer Alex Livingstone, Ollerton was taking a bit of a risk, since he was being criticised by the fans over Makedonia's loss to Hellas the previous week.

But Ollerton scored against his former club, JUST, as he usually does, and also took advantage of non-existent marking by JUST to emerge as one of the outstanding players of the game. The other was forward Claude Lucchesi.

As for JUST, it still hopes to sign New Zealand captain Alan Beath from West Adelaide, but the decision to use Zdravko Lujic as left back in the first half proved disastrous.

And if Jim Kondarios doesn't like staying in defence (there wasn't a defence in the first half), why not let him play in midfield and use Kyri Kyriakoulas as stopper? It probably would solve a few problems.

REASON FOR THE VICTORY: Ollerton, George McMillan and Zarko Odzakov gave Makedonia devastating dominance in midfield, but through their own good play certainly, but also because of the ineffectiveness of the JUST midfielders. The same applied to the JUST defence, where Lucchesi murdered Lujic, Ward did as he liked against Kondarios, and George Campbell, after a quiet start, terrorised Igor Hazabent in the second half. JUST countered all that with only one effective player, Joe Carroll, but his best efforts — and a great header by Paul Simic — were dealt with capably by goalkeeper Richard Wilson who had a faultless game.

THE TACTICS: JUST coach Bobby McLachlan worked most of the tactical plays, and most of them were flops. He left out right back Glibodan Stojcevic, switched Igor Hazabent from left back to right back and moved Zdravko Lujic from the wing to left back where he played a few seasons ago under the then coach, Cedo Cirkovic. Kyri Kyriakoulas played as a defensive mid-fielder-cum-double-stopper, leaving Abraham Turill and Zoran Illoski as the only mobile midfielders, with Simic, Macleod and Carroll up front. Against all that, Makedonia simply played its usual game, albeit with personnel changes. Ollerton was in midfield in place of Whittle, McMillan was pulled back to midfield from his usual attacking role, and Claude Lucchesi



Laurie Schwab

came in to partner Ward in the striking role. Lucchesi, Ollerton and especially Ward set the scene for this easy victory by doing most of the damage in the first half. JUST had 20 minutes of improved play after half time, during which a towering header by Simic almost levelled the score.

THE GOALS: 10th min: Ljube Petrovski swings a diagonal cross from the right, and the JUST defence stands appealing for offside as Ollerton beats two team-mates to the ball and belts it unchallenged past Dennis Boland 1-0.

25th min: Ollerton starts a move down the right with a quick pass to Lucchesi. He crosses to Ward who runs in and puts it away 2-0.

44th min: Lujic plays a corner from the right, Kondarios heads it goalward and Macleod heads it 2-1.

76th min: Campbell, in the middle outside the area, pushes the ball past an opposing defender to give himself, and slots it neatly past Boland 3-1.

76th min: A high ball grazes the head of McMillan and Lucchesi heads it far past Ollerton to volley it in from an acute angle 4-1.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Peter Ollerton — two goals, intelligent first-time passing, great positioning. Claude Lucchesi was right up there with Ollerton.

COACHES' COMMENTS: Bobby McLachlan (JUST), on his decision to use Lujic at left back: "Last time we played Makedonia, Con Opasinas marked Lujic throughout the game and Lujic hardly got a kick. Opasinas was going to do that again today, so we looked at ways of giving Lujic more space. The committee people said Lujic had played brilliantly as left back in the past, and Lujic himself was delighted at being given the position. Unfortunately, it didn't work, but then there was a hell of a lot that didn't work. Ollerton wasn't picked up at all in midfield, and neither were Lucchesi and Ward up front."

Peter Ollerton (Makedonia): "We lacked fight and commitment against Hellas last week, and that's why I decided to play myself. I was much happier this time. The boys fought a lot harder. I was happy with all of them — Lucchesi, Ward, McMillan, Odzakovic, you can take your pick. They all played very well. Now we've still got Alex Livingstone to fit into the team. It's not a big problem to have."

RALE RASIC 'Sweatball' must end!

When will the federations finally realise that it's downright dangerous to ask players to perform in the scorching heat we've been having in the past couple of months?

We've had experience galore in this matter, yet we don't learn from it.

Soccer's not the only transgressor, of course. South Sydney Rugby League club now has an oxygen tank on the sidelines in case players collapse. Are we prepared to accept this sort of risk without taking steps to eliminate it?

Perhaps we should start training our players not for soccer, but the way astronauts train.

The solution to the hot-weather lunacy is quite simple. Let's get the medical professionals involved. Medics should be part of an expert committee set up specifically to rule on the type of weather that is too dangerous for heavy exertion.

I was pleased to see that Bertie Mariani has started a new chapter in his career by switching to AFLA.

Mariani grew up at Marconi and probably never would have left, had he not been told to. However, I still think he could have been valuable to Marconi. Over the years, I don't think he has been encouraged enough.

AFLA will discover, I am sure, that Mariani has few peers in one particular position. He has many good years of soccer under his belt, and I wish him well.

One of the most heart-breaking jobs in my business is to tell a player that for one reason or another, he is not needed anymore — particularly a player who has served his club faithfully over a long period. Unfortunately, I have had to do this regularly over the past 18 years.

Alun Evans is an idol at Hellas and a nicer gentleman you couldn't hope to meet, but I had to tell him recently that we wouldn't be able to use him.

We had a long, frank talk and I was delighted by the professional way in which he accepted the situation.

The same applied to John Stevenson and George Campbell.

With Campbell, the problem was that we had three left-back, left-footed players. The one who had to go was the one with market value. That was Campbell, because there's not enough money about to buy Steve Wooddin. When he's injured, Branko Buljevic will slot into Wooddin's role.

No player wants to leave Hellas. It's a big, popular club that looks after its players very well financially, but the hell tolls for everyone sooner or later, and guys like Evans, Stevenson and Campbell have the character, the maturity and professionalism to take it like men and to stay in there, punting. I'm sure all three will continue to make a big impression with new clubs.

Maxwell Mexico-bound

Adel. City 2 Canberra 2

Scorers: Canberra: Redmond 34th, Farina 78th; Adelaide City: Maxwell 73rd, 89th.
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Crowd: 2500.
Referee: Donald Campbell 9.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENILES: McNally 8 - B. Nykhus 8, Banfield 7, Miller 7, Murray 7 - Melia 8 Dods 7-1; Nykhus 7 - Maxwell 9, Carter 7, Villani 7 (Wright 65th).

CANBERRA CITY: Hoszowski 9 - Young 7, T. Byrne 8, Murray 7, Bryant 7 - Christopoulos 7, G. Bryne 7,



Meno Tousidis

Cole 7 - Gibson 7, Redmond 7 (Stones), Farina 8.

Speedy right winger Frank Farina for Canberra and Adelaide City's skilful left wing-arrier Steve Maxwell brought the house down.

Farina got Canberra's second goal while Maxwell

snapped up two equalisers, the second only a minute from the end.

Quite clearly, Maxwell is headed for Mexico along with Farina who was one of the stars of the Youth Soccerroos elimination conquests.

Canberra led 1-0 at half time with a spectacular headed goal from Phil Redmond in the 34th minute.

But Adelaide City was desperately unlucky not to have scored at least two or three times in a hectic opening.

Goalkeeper Steve Hoszowski was quite magnificent repelling shots from Sergio Melia and Charley Villani.

But Redmond deflated City's confidence when he jumped brilliantly to head home a left wing cross.

Moments later Farina was brought down in the area but George Christopoulos had his penalty saved by Willie McNally.

City again pressed forward in the second half and were rewarded with an equaliser in the 73rd minute when Maxwell slot into an open goal from a few metres.

Frank Farina robbed defender Chris Miller sprinted towards the advancing McNally and rifled a great drive against the far post which bounced into the net.

The goal steadied Canberra which had lost much of its composure, but they were thrown the game away in the final seconds.

Tokesi tames Cotton

Wollongong 1 Brisbane C 1

Scorers: O'Connor 8th, Willis OG 35th.
Venue: Zions Park, Corralme.

Crowd: 1400 approx.
Referee: Tim Davies 8.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 7 - Willis 6, Vilestara 7, Dunleavy 7, Pollard 6 - McBrean 7, Fleming 6, Alinsworth 6, Gaffney 6 - Cotton 6, O'Connor 7.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7 - Tokesi 9, Liddell 8, Perry 8 - Wilkinson 6, Pimblett 6, Williamson 7, Bohan 6 - Gloeckner 6, Cairney 6, Hughes 6.

TACTICS: Wollongong City adopted its pattern of two strikers in front of four midfielders whereas Brisbane City was happy to put three men in defence and deal with the advanced midfielder Jim Pimblett to mark him.

The visitors used William-



Philip Micallef

son well in midfield but the three Brisbane City strikers were well held by Willis, Vilestara and Pollard.

REASON FOR DRAW: Brisbane City must have realised that it had a good chance of coming away with a point if it held the two Wollongong strikers O'Connor and Cotton well.

This it did thanks to magnificent games by Peter Tokesi and Steve Perry. The two defenders, together with Pimblett, played almost impeccably and only allowed O'Connor one opportunity — which he took.

In midfield Williamson's runs from defence often unsettled the balance of the home side.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Peter Tokesi, big strong and aggressive, virtually earned Brisbane City a point by completely blotting Roy Cotton out of the game.

Tokesi was unbeatable in the air, impeccable in his tackling and magnificent in his attitude.

After demolishing Cotton, he even found time to finish the match on the attack.

THE GOALS: 8th minute: midfielder Larry Gaffney won possession on the left side and quickly sent O'Connor away with a deep ball.

O'Connor first evades Perry then enters the penalty area and slams home a low shot.

35th minute: Bevan Bohan joins a Brisbane City attack and fires in a 25 metre shot that hit Peter Willis on its way to the net past a wrong-footed Jim Preston.

Arok in, 'no' to Indonesia

From P.1

The games against England are in Sydney on June 12, Brisbane on June 16 and Melbourne on June 19.

Despite earlier doubt about the composition of the England team, there now is new hope that the stars of Liverpool and Manchester United will be included.

"I am delighted by my appointment," Arok said this week. "Coaching a national team is the ultimate dream of any coach, and taking a team into battle against England is an even greater honor."

Arok was one of a panel of coaches that prepared the Yugoslav national team for the 1962 and 1978 World Cups. He was voted Australian Coach of the Year for 1982.

Bugli, his assistant, coached Australia in 1975 against Glasgow Rangers, Manchester United, China and Benfica.

World Cup committee chairman Peter McCann said: "Eddie Thomson was one of three candidates who were acceptable but ultimately Arok was preferred. He was the unanimous choice, with Victoria's Tony Boggi as his assistant."

The other members of the World Cup committee are Jim Karapetis (West Adelaide), Michael Weinstein (VSF chairman), Sam Pappasavas (NSL chairman), Karl Rodny (NSW Federation president), Ian Brusasco (Queensland Federation president), Tony Labbezzetta of Marconi is the alternative NSL delegate and ASF president. Sir Arthur George and ASF secretary Brian Emery also sit on the committee, without having voting rights.

After extensive debate, the



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invitation for the national youth team to visit Indonesia next month. The reason given by McCann was that the tour would further deprive clubs of key players in league competition.

The Indonesian FA had proposed three games in Jakarta — one against the Indonesian national team which is pre-

paring for the Asian Games — and two against regional selections. The FA was willing to pay for accommodation and meals, and pay half the air fares.

The tour could have taken the place of one of the training camps planned for the youth team. The training camp after all, will deprive the clubs of their players anyway.

Now the youth team and the senior national team are to play a double-header against opponents yet to be selected, probably at Olympic Park in Melbourne.

Australia, meanwhile, has been invited to Singapore to defend the Merlion Cup it won last year. McCann said the Soccerroos could go providing the Cup competition is shifted from September to October so as not to clash with local commitments. The ASF has declined to contest the Merdeka Cup in Kuala Lumpur in September.

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KB denied a penalty

St George 1 Newcastle 0

Venue: St George Stadium.
Crowd: 2150.
Scorer: K. Wilson (85th min).

Referee: Rampley 6.
ST GEORGE BUDAPEST: Greedy 6, Sken 6, Ratcliffe 6, Barton 6, R. O'Shea 6, Stone 6, J. O'Shea 6, Wilkinson 5 (Kozka 63 min), K. Wilson 5, Marton 6. Coach: Frank Arok.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED: Gosling 7, Meler 6, Watson 6, Bourke 6, H. Tredinnick 6, Mason 6, Senkalski 6, Buckley 5 (Drysdale 70 min), Jones 6, Mountford 6, Lowe 5. Coach: Ken Kaiser.

Cautions: Ratcliffe (ST G) O'Shea (ST G).

Newcastle was badly let down by the poor finishing of its players when in match-winning situations.

St George Budapest didn't display much of its renowned, stylish patterns and it was somehow fitting that the winning goal was as much the result of defensive blunders as of thoughtful attack.

With only about five minutes left to play and the match heading for a goalless draw, Dez Marton floated in a corner kick from the left, which was deflected by the KB goalie, Clint Gosling.

It was nodded down by Ken Wilson and some say pushed into the net by David Ratcliffe, but Ratcliffe said afterwards he hadn't touched it.

Hard running, hard tackling, combined with rather primitive technical skills and team work, ensured Newcastle had a good share of the ball — especially in the first half — without doing much with it. The nearest we came to a goal before the changeover was courtesy of the Saints in the 30th minute.

Mark Barton steamed in to let go a magnificent first-time volley, only to see Gosling pull off a brilliant reflex save from point-blank range.

Four minutes into the second half David Lowe found himself in the open after getting past Mike O'Shea and even eluding the advancing Greedy, but somehow managed to miss an easy conversion.

Arok's men lived up after young Andrew Kozka was given his chance to shine, at the expense of the insipid Paul Wilkinson.

In the 68th minute he quickly seized the opportunity of grabbing a silly backpass from Peter Bourke, only to watch as his finicky lob was tipped over the bar by a desperately stretching Gosling.

With only about 15 minutes left, the Hungarian club was somewhat lucky to avoid a penalty kick against them.

Referee Rampley ignored his linesman's flag signalling a blatant KB offside situation, leaving Nigel Drysdale steaming at full speed for the goal.

Mike O'Shea lunged after the KB replacement and pulled him down, with the visitors hotly claiming that the offence was inside the box.

Ramplsey awarded a free-kick right on the 16 metre line. He also failed to at least issue a caution to O'Shea for a foul which may have cost Newcastle three points.

Hellas cup

The 1983 South Melbourne Hellas Schoolboys Cup has attracted 25 entrants who will vie for \$1,000 prize money, \$750 to the sports fund of the winning school and \$250 to the runner-up.

The competition gets under way on Wednesday, April 13. Here is the draw for the first round of games:

St Budea Mentone v John Paul (Frankston); Mt Lyndale v Aquinas; Mt Scopus v Kingswood; St Louis v Emmaus; St Pauls (Altona) v St Albans; CBC St Kilda v St Johns (Brunswick); Heidelberg High v Lalor North High; Camberwell High v Caulfield High; Murrumbidgee High v Hurstville High v Oakleigh High; Clayton Tech v Springvale High; Westall High v Salesian College (Chadstone); St Johns (Dandenong) v Waverley.

ANDY McMILLAN,

6' 1" experienced central defender, who has a free transfer, is seeking a club, STATE LEAGUE preferred.

Played last season for Albion Rovers, after experience in Scotland with Auchinleck Talbot and Darvel Juniors.

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Heidelberg's Theo Selemidis passes the ball upfield, after Robert Vincent has fallen in a clash with APJA's Arno Bertogna (right). At centre is Mike Valentine.

City still slick, Lions struggle

Bris. Lions 0 Syd City 2

Scorers: Gomez 53rd, Kosmina 75th.
Venue: Richlands Stadium.
Crowd: About 1200.
Conditions: Hot.

Referee: Silan Kibbler 6.
LIONS: Lownds 7, McSkimming 5 (Daunt 67th), Marszalek 7, Sime 8, Hunter 7, Niven 6, Hogg 7, Stewart 7, Wright 6, Kelso 7, De Greer 5.
SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano 7, Mullen 7, O'Connor 6, Robertson 7, Bruce 6, Cant 7, Gomez 8, Murray 8 (Lee 76th), Watson 7, Kosmina 7, Boden 6.

A five-man Brisbane Lions defence still did not prove enough to hold reigning national league champion Sydney City which cruised to a 2-0 win at Richlands Stadium.

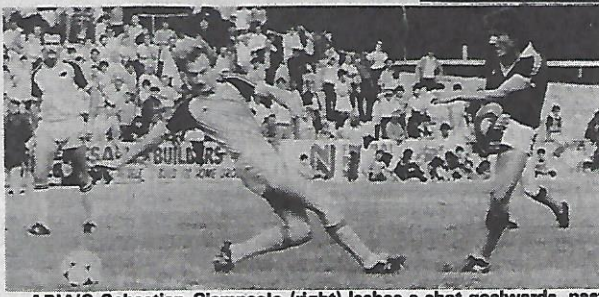
And the fact that the champion never really got into top gear and was playing with a patched-up side left ominous pointers to a gloomy season ahead for Lions.

Sydney City went into the match missing Todd Clarke and David Mitchell, both with tonsillitis and Murray Barnes, Paul Kay and Ian Souness with injuries. Barnes was a late withdrawal after he injured a back muscle while climbing a ladder the previous Saturday.

Acting on advice given by injured Lions captain Col Bennett, new Lions coach Simon Kistemaker, played with twin stoppers and a sweeper. But all were making their national league debuts and eventually were pulled apart by the experienced Sydney City attack of John Kosmina, Ken Boden and Joe Watson.

Former Ipswich United (Qld) defender Alan Marszalek played at sweeper while the stoppers were new Scottish signing John Sime and Queensland youth team player Allan Hunter. Sime and Hunter both had reasonably solid matches, winning a lot of balls in the air and making some bone crunching tackles.

Lions worked to a system where they man-marked the opposition and Sydney City struggled for a time. Although it had more than 70 percent of possession it could make little



APJA's Sebastian Giampaolo (right) lashes a shot goalwards, past Heidelberg stopper Don Macleod. At left is John Spanos. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

Morton wants to silence the knockers

Heidelberg 2 APJA 0

Scorers: Taylor 84th, Vincent 86th.
Ground: Olympic Village.
Attendance: 3500.

Referee: Stuart Mellings 6.
HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7, Mackenzie 7, Macleod 8, Yankos 8, Tansley (capt) 6; Taylor 6, Vincent 6, Spanos 6; Valentine 7, Toro 7, Selemidis 7 (Lee 76th). Coach Ken Morton.
APJA-LEICHHARDT: Woodhouse 6; Carter 6, Bertogna 6, Mariani 6, Brown 7, Bradley 8, Scharmann 7, Butler 6; Tredinnick 6, Valeri 5, Giampaolo (capt) 6. Coach Fitzpatrick.

Heidelberg coach Ken Morton still is talking in terms of challenging for the National League championship and wrote in the club's programme that he is keen to prove wrong the critics who have already written Heidelberg off.

But if he is serious about that he must do something very soon about solving the side's big handicap up front where it is sorely obvious that there is no one capable of knocking goals in regularly.

The club has high hopes that Perry Forster from Tasmanian club Olympia will fit the bill when he comes over for a trial this week. However going on the standard of soccer in Tasmania, one wonders whether the club is expecting too much of the 22 year old.

THE GOALS: The goal that broke the deadlock came in the 84th minute from a harmless throw-in situation on the left, after Heidelberg had messed up Leichhardt chances.

The ball fell for John Bradley in the area but the midfielder dwelt far too long over it allowing Mike Valentine to nip in and roll him to send a low centre for Ken Taylor to hit home with a low shot from the edge of the box.

Recent import Robert Vincent sealed the game up two minutes later with a move started and finished by him.

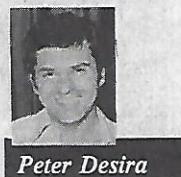
The midfielder ran with the ball practically the whole length of the pitch and then exchanged a quick one-two with Juan Toro to slam the return home from the right side of the box.

THE NEAR MISSES: Leichhardt was slightly on top in the first half but only really troubled Jeff Oliver once, when Bradley spotted the keeper off his line and sent over a clever lob only for the keeper to backpedal quickly and manage to palm the ball over the bar for a corner.

Heidelberg had much clearer chances after the break before scoring the goals. Theo Selemidis latched onto a poor clearance from Terry Butler but his header was put away for a corner. John Spanos hit a left foot shot wide after a clever pass from Toro had put him in the clear, and Mike Valentine wasted a simple chance putting the ball over the bar with only the keeper to beat.

THE TACTICS: Heidelberg was unchanged from the previous week again giving Juan Toro plenty of freedom. The Chilean is very good at setting up chances but hardly ever has a go himself adding to Heidelberg's handicap up front. Theo Selemidis battled hard in the first half to come to terms with his front running role but his best position remains in midfield and Heidelberg must do something soon to relieve him of the current uphill battle. At the back Charlie Yankos again gave a commanding display of no frills defensive football and was probably Heidelberg's best player in the second half.

Leichhardt came to Melbourne missing Mark Pullen, Peter Jones, Ian Gray and the coach's son, all through injuries. New signing Johan Scharmann, the former Australian first division player, dic-



Peter Desira

tated play in the middle of the park in the opening 45 minutes but faded badly against the more physical Robert Vincent as the game wore on. Leichhardt players steadily reduced their service to him after a bright start in which he saw a lot of the ball and demonstrated some classy touches and a good eye for the early pass.

Arno Bertogna threw himself about like his life depended on it and won a lot of aerial duels. But up front Leichhardt was disappointing with Walter Valeri leaving a lot to be desired.

The man-markers master Olympic

By CHARLIE SPITERI

Syd Olympic 0 West Adel 1

Stadium: Lambert Park.
Crowd: 6010.

Referee: Tony Boskovic 9.
Scorer: G. Heys.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 7, Rogers 6, Herbert 7, Dekos 7, Jennings 6, Zeras 6, Raskopoulos 6, Patikas 8, Katholos 9, Phillips 7, Super 5. Coach: Tommy Docherty.
WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, McGregor 7, Anis 7, McGachey 9, Dunn 8, Atsolas 7, Heys 7, Warmley 7, Honeyman 8, Hoarne 6, Brennan 6. Coach: Alan Vest.

Masters of man-to-man marking came to town once more, just to show how effective the system can be. Star studded Sydney Olympic was reduced to a mere mortal. Five internationals and a host of those who would like to be, could not penetrate once in the entire 90 minutes on the bumpy surface at Lambert Park.

Instead it was a seventh minute effort by Graham Heys which counted in the end giving the visitors from Adelaide their first three pointer of the season.

Heys was on hand to intercept a clearance by Olympic's defence, chest it down then slam it back past Peter Wilson. It was a goal which came against the run of play, but a good goal and in the end the one which decided the issue.

Olympic appeared set for a win, despite the setback, with its full of possession and some good movements from midfield. Peter Raskopoulos and Peter Katholos looked in command spraying passes all over the park but still with very little penetration and hardly a decent shot at goal.

And while Olympic had the possession but had little chance of threatening Crook,

West Adelaide's forwards, in particular Graham Honeyman and Paul Wormley, looked dangerous.

Soon after the restart Westad easily could have gone into a 2-0 lead. Heys took a free kick to find Wormley in an ideal goal scoring position but the recent Westad recruit fired high over the bar much to the relief of Peter Wilson and his defenders.

At the other end, Olympic started to make some inroads and Jim Ziras fired over the bar from a good position, then Jimmy Patikas pushed one through for Katholos who shot over the bar.

Crook came to the fore in the 73rd minute to save what seemed a certain goal. Katholos fired in a cannonball from 10 metres but somehow Australia's international keeper managed to get his hands to it.

From then on it was a matter of survival for Westad and the time was ripe for Neil McGachey and Robbie Dunn to stand tall. They held firm in a tightly packed defence for a surprise win to defy those who predicted an easy victory for Olympic.

Olympic's last chance came after a corner by Katholos. Arthur Zvinos, Olympic's replacement, forward headed past Crook, but McGachey was on hand to clear.

Marshall Soper, Olympic's big gun, an expensive purchase from APJA Leichhardt, was reduced to a pop-gun in this match contributing very little as the 5000 strong crowd pondered over what Olympic has to do next to get back on the road to winning the championship.

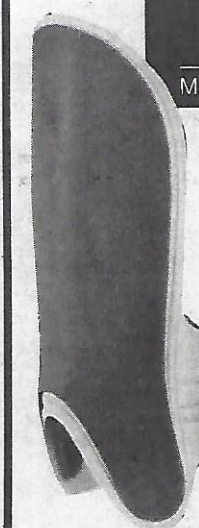
I am sure that Tommy Docherty was disappointed even though, in his inimitable fashion, he seemed unworried about the defeat. I also am sure that a few of Olympic's players will be spoken to in no uncertain terms.

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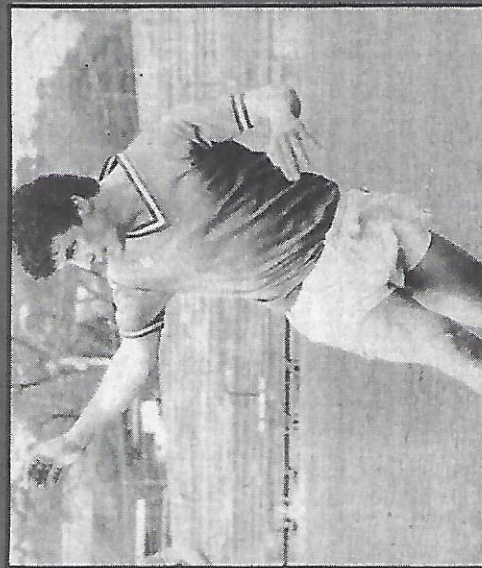
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Albion midfielder Bennie Ferrie (right) evades a sliding tackle from David Brooks of Ringwood Wilhelmina



Northcote captain George Bozkie

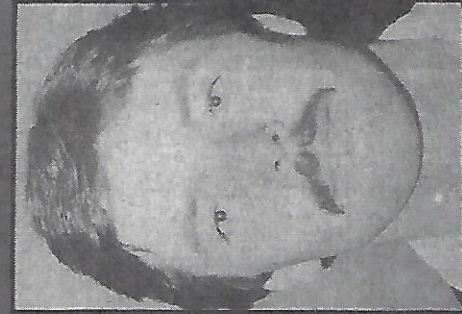
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ROUND ONE Saturday March 19
Sth Melb Hellas v Northcote City
SUNDAY MARCH 20
Sunshine George Cross v B.U. Juventus
Croydon City v Morwell Falcons
Doveton v Ringwood City Wilhelmina
Marlborough v Green Gully
Melbourne Croatia v Albion Rovers
ROUND TWO Saturday March 26
Albion Rovers v Sunshine George Cross
Marlborough v B.U. Juventus
SUNDAY MARCH 27
Green Gully v Melbourne Croatia
Ringwood City Wilhelmina v Marlborough
Northcote City v Doveton
Box Hill v Sth Melbourne Hellas
Morwell Falcons v Fawkner
B.U. Juventus v Croydon City
ROUND THREE Saturday April 2
Sth Melbourne Hellas v Morwell Falcons
SUNDAY APRIL 3
Croydon City v Sunshine George Cross
Fawkner v B.U. Juventus
Marlborough v Northcote City
Melb Croatia v Ringwood City Wilhelmina
Green Gully v Albion Rovers
Doveton v Box Hill
ROUND FOUR Saturday April 9

Melbourne Croatia v B.U. Juventus
Green Gully v Morwell Falcons
Northcote City v Albion Rovers
Ringwood City Wilhelmina v Box Hill
ROUND EIGHT Saturday May 7
Albion Rovers v Sth Melbourne Hellas
Morwell Falcons v Ringwood City "W"
SUNDAY MAY 8
B.U. Juventus v Green Gully
Sunshine George Cross v Melbourne Croatia
Croydon City v Marlborough
Fawkner v Doveton
Box Hill v Northcote City
ROUND NINE Sunday May 15
Doveton v Sth Melbourne Hellas
Marlborough v Fawkner
Melbourne Croatia v Croydon City
Green Gully v Sunshine George Cross
Ringwood City "W" v B.U. Juventus
Northcote City v Morwell Falcons
Box Hill v Albion Rovers
ROUND TEN Saturday May 21
Albion Rovers v Doveton
Sth Melbourne Hellas v Marlborough
Morwell Falcons v Box Hill
SUNDAY MAY 22
B.U. Juventus v Northcote City
Sunshine George Cross v Ringwood City "W"

ROUND FOURTEEN Saturday July 2
Albion Rovers v Melbourne Croatia
Morwell Falcons v Croydon City
SUNDAY JULY 3
B.U. Juventus v Sunshine George Cross
Northcote City v Sth Melbourne Hellas
Ringwood City Wilhelmina v Doveton
Green Gully v Marlborough
Box Hill v Fawkner
ROUND FIFTEEN Saturday July 9
Sth Melbourne Hellas v Box Hill
SUNDAY JULY 10
Melbourne Croatia v Green Gully
Marlborough v Ringwood City Wilhelmina
Doveton v Northcote City
Fawkner v Morwell Falcons
Sunshine George Cross v Albion Rovers
Croydon City v B.U. Juventus
ROUND SIXTEEN Saturday July 16
Albion Rovers v Green Gully
Morwell Falcons v Sth Melbourne Hellas
SUNDAY JULY 17
Sunshine George Cross v Croydon City
B.U. Juventus v Fawkner
Northcote City v Marlborough
Ringwood City "W" v Melbourne Croatia
Box Hill v Doveton
ROUND SEVENTEEN Saturday July 23

B.U. Juventus v Melbourne Croatia
Box Hill v Ringwood City Wilhelmina
ROUND TWENTY ONE Saturday August 20
Sth Melbourne v Albion Rovers
SUNDAY AUGUST 21
Ringwood City "W" v Morwell Falcons
Green Gully v B.U. Juventus
Melbourne Croatia v Sunshine George Cross
Marlborough v Croydon City
Doveton v Fawkner
Northcote City v Box Hill
ROUND TWENTY TWO Saturday August 27
Sth Melbourne Hellas v Doveton
Morwell Falcons v Northcote City
Albion Rovers v Box Hill
SUNDAY AUGUST 28
Fawkner v Marlborough
Croydon City v Melbourne Croatia
Sunshine George Cross v Green Gully
B.U. Juventus v Ringwood City "W"
ROUND TWENTY THREE Sunday September 4
Doveton v Albion Rovers
Northcote City v B.U. Juventus
Ringwood City "W" v Sunshine George Cross
Green Gully v Croydon City



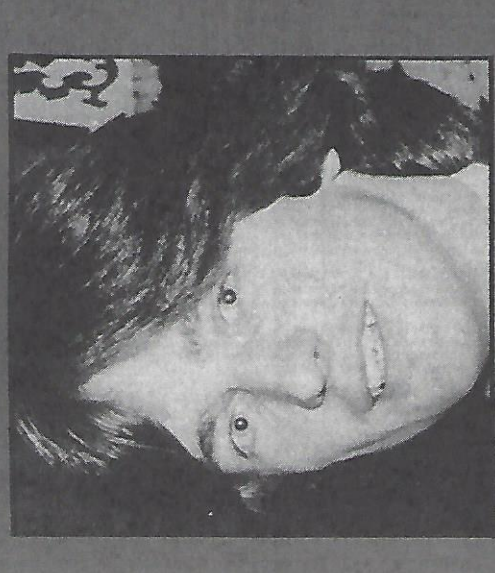
Gerry Bennett of Sunshine George Cross

ROUND ELEVEN Saturday May 28
 Morwell Falcons V Albion Rovers
SUNDAY MAY 29
 Meribyrnong V Doveton
 Melbourne Croatia V 5th Melb Hellas
 Green Gully V Fawkner
 Ringwood City V Croydon City
 Northcote City V Sunshine George
 Croydon City V B.U. Juventus
ROUND TWELVE Saturday June 4
 Albion Rovers V Meribyrnong
 5th Melbourne Hellas V Green Gully
SUNDAY JUNE 5
 B.U. Juventus V Meribyrnong
 Croydon City V Northcote City
 Fawkner V Ringwood City
 Sunshine George V Box Hill
JUNE 12 RESERVED FOR INTERNATIONAL
ROUND THIRTEEN Saturday June 18
 Albion Rovers V B.U. Juventus
SUNDAY JUNE 19
 Melbourne Croatia V Meribyrnong
 Green Gully V Doveton
 Ringwood City V Fawkner
 Northcote City V W. V 5th Melb Hellas
 Morwell Falcons V Sunshine George
 Box Hill V Croatia City
JUNE 26 RESERVED FOR INTERNATIONAL
ROUND FOUR Saturday May 28
 Green Gully V Ringwood City
 Melbourne Croatia V Northcote City
 Doveton V Morwell Falcons
 Croydon City V Albion Rovers
 Fawkner V Sunshine George
 Meribyrnong V Box Hill
ROUND EIGHTEEN Saturday July 30
 Albion Rovers V Ringwood City
 Sunshine George V 8th Melb Hellas
 Croydon City V Fawkner
SUNDAY JULY 31
 B.U. Juventus V Doveton
 Morwell Falcons V Meribyrnong
 Northcote City V Green Gully
 Box Hill V Melbourne Croatia
ROUND NINETEEN Saturday August 6
 5th Melbourne Hellas V Croydon City
SUNDAY AUGUST 7
 Ringwood City V Northcote City
 Melbourne Croatia V Morwell Falcons
 Fawkner V Albion Rovers
 Meribyrnong V B.U. Juventus
 Doveton V Sunshine George
 Green Gully V Box Hill
ROUND TWENTY Saturday August 13
 Albion Rovers V Northcote City
 Morwell Falcons V Green Gully
SUNDAY AUGUST 14
 Fawkner V 5th Melbourne Hellas
 Croydon City V Doveton
 Sunshine George V Meribyrnong

ROUND FIVE Saturday April 16
 5th Melbourne Hellas V Sunshine George
SUNDAY APRIL 17
 Fawkner V Croydon City
 Doveton V B.U. Juventus
 Meribyrnong V Morwell Falcons
 Green Gully V Northcote City
 Ringwood City V Albion Rovers
 Melbourne Croatia V Box Hill
ROUND SIX Saturday April 23
 Albion Rovers V Fawkner
SUNDAY APRIL 24
 Morwell Falcons V Melbourne Croatia
 B.U. Juventus V Meribyrnong
 Sunshine George V Doveton
 Croydon City V 5th Melbourne Hellas
 Box Hill V Green Gully
 Northcote City V Ringwood City
ROUND SEVEN Saturday April 30
SUNDAY MAY 1
 5th Melbourne Hellas V Fawkner
 Doveton V Croydon City
 Meribyrnong V Sunshine George

ROUND TWENTY FOUR Saturday September 10
 Albion V Morwell Falcons
 5th Melb Hellas V Melbourne Croatia
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11
 Doveton V Meribyrnong
 Fawkner V Green Gully
 Croydon City V Ringwood City
 Sunshine George V Northcote City
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 Green Gully V 5th Melbourne Hellas
 Melbourne Croatia V Doveton
 Box Hill V Sunshine George
ROUND TWENTY SIX Saturday September 24
 5th Melbourne Hellas V Ringwood City
 Sunshine George V Melbourne Croatia
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25
 Meribyrnong V Melbourne Croatia
 Doveton V Green Gully
 Fawkner V Northcote City
 Sunshine George V Morwell Falcons
 B.U. Juventus V Albion Rovers
 Croydon City V Box Hill

ROUND TWENTY SEVEN Saturday September 25
 Meribyrnong V Melbourne Croatia
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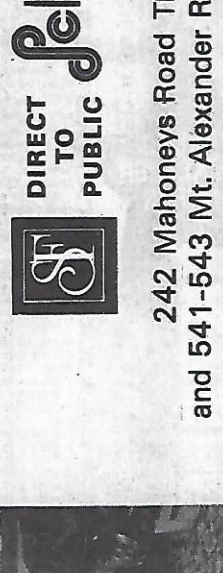
Falkner captain Carlo Sabidussi

Polonia s Alex Marshall

Croatia's right sided attacking midfielder Joep Biskic

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Hat-tricks to Laff, Marshall, Curran

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Juventus, Sunshine-George Cross, Albion Rovers and Frankton Pines dumped by less glamorous opponents; scares for Ringwood Wilhelmnia, Doveton and Croynod; hat tricks to Alex Marshall, Oase Latif and Branko Culina and a stunning goal at Raleigh Reserve from Peter Czapiak as Polonia steamrolled Preston Makedonia 6-1.

These were the big stories to emerge from a dramatic first main round of the 1983 Dockerty Cup last weekend.

A Stevie Wilde goal in the 68th minute kicked Juventus out of the cup. Tom Karic scored Footscray J.U.S.T.'s extra time winner in its 3-2 defeat of Sunshine-George. Peter Dickson of Albion Rovers missed a crucial attempt in a penalty showdown against Springvale City and Mike Welsby of Rosanna covered himself in glory with an 83rd minute goal which sunk Frankton Pines 3-2.

Doveton had to rely on an Ian Stirling goal in the 109th minute to tip out Thomastown 2-1 while Steve Irvine's 92nd minute goal gave Croynod a 2-1 win over St Albans.

St Albans played coach, former Soccerio Billy Vojtek, was full of praise for his young team after the match.

"I had watched Croynod earlier this year and I gave specific instructions to my players. They performed really well, considering that we have made quite a few changes from last year's side and I'm really looking forward to having a go at the Second Division championship this season," he said.

Vojtek has brought Danny Dezic and

Eddie Brezac from Melbourne Croatia to St Albans. He also has signed midfielder Zbigniew Czołnowski from Sydney Croatia, John Brune from Ajax, Dragan Kosack from Sunshine and former Polish First Division player Jad Rakowski.

Melbourne Croatia striker Ned Batnovic could join St Albans this week as the Croatian sponsored outfit sets out on its league campaign on Saturday.

Ringwood Wilhelmnia almost joined the State League, casualty list when it was taken to a penalty showdown by First Division opponent Richmond. The Metro League outfit was reduced to 10 men in the 60th minute when Youngster Angle Koutsos was sent off after an off-the-ball incident involving Wilhelmnia midfielder Joe Tront.

Melbourne Croatia and Broadmeadows staged a goalscoring bonanza at Green Gully Reserve, Croatia finally running out a 7-4 victor.

The two games at John Cain Reserve produced 15 goals. In the first match Fawcner trounced Hawthorn 6-0. Northcote then took on Third Division side Brighton, winning 7-2.

Apart from Marshall's hat-trick the highlight of Polonia's win at Raleigh Reserve was Peter Czapiak's goal in the 55th minute. The Polonia midfielder played a one-two inside his defence with half sweeper Stefan Mila. Czapiak then dribbled past three opponents, played a one-two with Janusz Przbyla, ran onto the return and hammered a first time shot into the roof of the net from 10 metres.

Let's look at all the results:

Pines humbled

FRANKTON PINES 2 (Dino Milosevic o.g. 55th, O'Halloran penalty 68th) ROSANNA 3 (Staples 37th, Welsby 37th, 83rd). Dockerty Cup match at Monterey Boulevard, Saturday. Double header.

FRANKTON PINES: Ivanoff 4 — McCone 6, Paulding 7, Livingston 6, Moore 6 — McNeil 5, Wilson 5, Miller 5, 10th 5th 5th — O'Halloran 3, Wall 7, D. Lucas 5. Coach: Danny McMillan.

ROSANNA: Aurumides 7 — Dino Milosevic 6, Garland 7 (Inj. Barua 75th), Vanderwerf 9, Fagan 9 — Drago Milosevic 3, Palermo 7, Samson 7 — Staples 3, Parker 3. Coach: Alan Jackson.

Rosanna, newly promoted to Metro ranks, pulled off a stunning form reversal to cause one of the major shocks in the 1983 Dockerty Cup by downing Frankton Pines 3-2 at Monterey Boulevard.

Rosanna coach Alan Jackson had to suffer the humiliation of a 3-0 home defeat by Third Division club Royal Richmond in the Metro League Cup a week earlier. After last Saturday's success however, a confident Jackson has his eyes on the Fourth Division title.

"It was a very good win and I expect us to give the league championship a very big shake now," he said.

"I coached North Dandenong in Third Division last year and at this stage Rosanna looks like capable of earning a middle of the table finish in Third Division, so I'm confident that we'll do well a division lower."

Rosanna's two front runners, Eric Staples and Phillip Parker, both are fast and the visitors decided to adopt a 4-4-2 formation, trying to use the pace of their front runners to catch Pines out on the break.

Within five minutes Rosanna had hit the lead. Drago Milosevic, signed along with brother Dino and Bill Garland from North Dandenong this year, chipped a through ball over Brian Paulding's head. Staples broke clear and slotted the ball past advancing Pines goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff.

Rosanna went further ahead in the 37th minute thanks to a poorly directed Ivanoff clearance and the skill and vision of Rosanna midfielder Mike Welsby. Ivanoff charged out of goal and cut out an attempted through ball but his clearance went straight to Welsby about 40 metres from goal. He chested the ball down, realised that Ivanoff was in no man's land and lobbed the ball firmly into the unguarded net.

Even though Pines had far more use of the ball in the first half, Rosanna had been far more effective. Pines had hit the post through Dave Luca and Rosanna goalkeeper Paul Aurumides had pulled off a superb save to stop a Kevin Wall header.

As expected, Pines threw everything at Rosanna from the start of the second half. A cross hit hard and low from the left led to Pines' first goal. Dino Milosevic, in attempting to clear, sliced the ball into his own net.

Then keeper Aurumides put his knee up when racing for a through ball with Pines midfielder Ian McNeil. Both players collided and were injured. Referee Spiers pointed to the penalty spot and Tommy O'Halloran converted to make it 2-2.

Pines became a bit cocky now. They had pummeled the Rosanna goal and had wiped out a two goal deficit. Surely the First Division giant would now put paid to the hopes of this Metro minnow.

DOVETON 3 (Corke 9th, McIvor 52nd, Stirling 109th) THOMASTOWN 2 (Kurwan 14th, Fragale 57th). After extra time. Dockerty Cup match at Weratara Reserve, Sunday. Double header.

DOVETON: Ryan 8 — Wale 5, Hulst 5, Carter 5, Rogers 5 (Rick 10th) — McIvor 7, Dawie 9, Bruce 5 — Bartlett 5, Stirling 5, McLennan 5. Coach: Ernie Merrick.

THOMASTOWN: Carfara 6 (Ragone 7, 8) — Warrington 6, Adams 6, Acaraki 6, Casanova 7 — Dimartino 6, Kurwan 7, Camar 6 —

Tavello 6 (Brooks 10th), Fragale 6, Ruylo 7. Coach: Jim Marley.

Doveton can thank the fighting spirit of Ian Stirling and Mike McIvor, the skill of John Dowie and some fine goalkeeping from young Adam Ryan for staying level terms with Second Division club Thomastown until the 109th minute.

Then the aggressive, competitive Stirling pounced as a goalmouth scramble to put the ball over the Thomastown line and into goal to give the

Lloyd on the bench

JUVENTUS 0 MELBOURNE 1 (Wilde 68th). Dockerty Cup match at Gardiner's Creek Reserve, Sunday. Double header.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7, V. Bannan, P. Bannan 7, P. Drincosky 7, G. Bannan 7, Rogers 7, Sullivan 7, Henry 5 (Lloyd 68th), French 7, Incantalupo 6, Zini 7. Coach: John Murray.

MELBOURNE: Barbas 6, Szabo 9, Dagnall 7, Wilde 7, T. Drincosky 7, Fetter 7, Tapal 6 (Varga 75th), Armstrong 7, Ward 7, Belsky 7, Hibbs 8. Coach: Tommy Randles.

Melbourne coach Tommy Randles understandably was delighted after the match as his players did him proud in downing State Leaguer Juventus in the second of Gardiner's Creek Reserve's double header on Sunday.

Melbourne should do very well in First Division this season. On this showing at least the Hungarian sponsored club is definite top four material.

For all its possession and pressure, Juventus peppered the Melbourne goal in vain. Kevin Lloyd, a fine player, had to sit on the Juventus bench until the 65th minute before getting a run at the expense of little Tony Henry.

Juventus Soccerio youth player Fabio Incantalupo was extremely disappointing.

One of Melbourne's better players, winger Hibbs, set up the winning goal in the 68th minute. He ran into the Juventus area then executed a cheeky back heeler for Wilde to drive home from just outside the area.

Melbourne keeper Barbas made some fine saves however he pulled off a tackle the All Blacks would have been proud to see in the 76th minute and was lucky not to be sent off. Kevin Swinscoe had sent Lloyd through but Barbas charged out of goal and flattened the Juve striker.

From the resultant free kick the Bannan boys combined but Vince shot wide, typical of Juventus' inability to pierce the Melbourne defence.

— JOE DOCHERTY

Two-goal McGuinness

MORWELL FALCONS 2 (McGuinness 55th, 88th) SUNBURY UNITED 0 Dockerty Cup match at Weratara Reserve, Sunday. Double header.

MORWELL FALCONS: Whitelaw 7 — Darby 7, Irvine 6, Higham 7, Train 7 — J. van Baar 7, Macleod 7, Young 7, Plummer 6 — J. van Baar 6, McGuinness 7. Coach: Tony Boggs.

SUNBURY UNITED: Gruch 6 — Scarlett 6, Campbell 6, Blahely 6, Duncan 7 — Ross 7 (McQuinn 71st), Maly 6, Abby 6, Collins 6 (Nicholls 83rd) — Tracy 6, Stewart 6. Coach: Norrie Ford.

Two goals to Bobby McGuinness, a disappointing Falcons performance and a creditable effort from Metro Third Division side Sunbury United.

That was the tale of this match, the first of a Dockerty Cup double header at Weratara Reserve on Sunday.

Falcons were without Noel Mitten, John O'Callaghan, Harry Bingham and Grant Smart. J. van Baar replaced McGuinness sent front. Brian Darby played right back while Tony van Baar and Joe Plummer were the flanking midfielders in Falcons 4-2 formation.

— MICK O'BRIEN

Stirton wins

home side a tough, 3-2 win.

At times, Thomastown looked like the better side without any obvious weaknesses. It was well organised and disciplined.

One of the features of the game was the sometimes brutal battle between Thomastown full back Tony Cosentino and Doveton winger Colin Bartlett. They must have walked off the pitch with bat-

Weekend games with likely winners in capitals:

Leagues start Saturday

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Saturday: BELL PARK V Albion Rovers; BROADMEADOWS V Western Suburbs; KNOX CITY V Frankton Pines; Doveton Rovers V RICHMOND, Sunday; Frankton City V Werthebe (drawn); Kew City V Moreland (drawn); ALTONA CITY V Melbourne.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Heidelberg Alexander V THOMASTOWN; Ringwood United Serbia V ST ALBANS DINAMO; DAN-

DEMONS; Footscray J.U.S.T. V SPRINGVALE CITY; Kallor Australia V PRESTON MACKEDONIA.

Sunday: Prahran Slavia V WARELEY CITY.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: Coburg V CAULFIELD CITY; South Oakleigh V 5th Melb Mordolac (drawn); BRIGHTON ROYAL RICHMOND; Eltham V SANDRINGHAM CITY; VALOURN V Port Melbourne; HEIDELBERG BUNDOORA V Mornington; PRAHRAN CITY V Sunbury Utd.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: NTH GEELONG V Geelong; Essendon City V ROSANNA; GREENSBOROUGH V Moorabbin; KNOX CITY V Fawcner Gully; HAWTHORN V Moorabbin; KEYSBOROUGH V COCKFIELD; HANLYN RANGERS V Roorob.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

Saturday: BULLEN V Ballarat; Carlton V HAWKSBURG; Chelmsley V LANGWARRIN; Moorabbin V SHOPPERTON CITY; CLIFTON HILL V Monash Utd; Melton V EAST BRUNSWICK; Lalor Utd V YARRAVILLE.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: HOLLAND PARK V Central City; Abbotshurst Tasse V SOUTH DANDENONG; Serwick.

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Sunday: Ascot Utd V BALACLAVA; BALWYN CITY V Westall; BUNDOORA V Vercoe; MACCABI HAKOAH V HOA Utd; CHADSTONE V Melbourne Utd; POSTEL INSTITUTE V Epsom PARK V St. Sabas; HILLS V HNS Melbourne.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: Concordia V BAXTER; KOOBYONG 8TH SPRINGVALE V Ascot Vale City; 8TH PARKMORE V Waverley Utd; MEADOW PARK V St. Sabas; MULGRAVE V Royal Melb Institute; Latrobe Utd V PHILLIP Utd; SOUTHERN CROSS V West Utd.

Winning streak

BOX HILL 4 (Taylor 35th, Gabrielson 48th, Keenan 55th, Verechia 65th) MORELAND 0. Dockerty Cup match at Monterey Boulevard, Saturday. Double header.

BOX HILL: McKelvey 8 — Macleod 5, Brownlie 5 (Inj. Gabrielson H.T. 7), Lester 5, A. Roadhouse 5 — Hughes 6, Miranda 6, Ramos 6 — Taylor 6 (Aston 6), Verechia 6, Hines 6, Macleod 6, Murray.

MORELAND: Vasilou 6 — T. Tennant 6, Corcoran 6, Nervous 6, Maxwell 6 — Stamboulidis 6, Poole 7, Chetcuti 6 — Lee 6, Monagle 7, Pace 6. Coach: Duncan Mackay.

Box Hill has won its last five games, scoring 19 goals and conceding six.

Coach Bill Murray sees these results as confidence boosters for his State League newcomers.

Box Hill striker Ray Taylor opened the Hillmen's account on Saturday in the 35th minute.

Richard Miranda challenged with Moreland goalkeeper Paul Vasilou and a defender in the 48th minute for a high ball which was ineffectively cleared. John Gabrielson, the half time replacement for injured Don Brownlie, struck a low shot which bounced past everyone and into goal to make it 2-0.

A superb Keenan header, while making a diagonal run across the Moreland penalty area, sent the ball over Vasilou and into goal to make it 3-0 in the 55th minute.

Peter Verechia made it 4-0 in the 65th minute.

Springvale shock

ALBION ROVERS 0 SPRINGVALE CITY 0. After extra time. Springvale City won 5-3 on penalties. Dockerty Cup match at Gardiner's Creek Reserve, Sunday. Double header.

ALBION ROVERS: Lacock 6, Ogden 6, Douglas 6 (Inj. F. Macleod H.T. 7), Hennessey 6, Reilly 9, Galea 6, Spiller 6, Farrie 6, Dickson 6, K. Coyte 7, Williams 6. Coach: Hugh Murray.

SPRINGVALE CITY: H. Randle 6, Carmichael 6, Sappie 6, Hanes 6, Layton 7, Golan 7, Patten 6, Bentley 7, Wright 5 (Wilcock 70th), Greener 9, Purdy 6 (Campbell 38th). Coach: Ian Greener.

Springvale deserved this victory. It was denied from wrapping up the match in either normal time or extra time by a couple of superb saves from Albion goalkeeper Danny Lacock.

When it came down to the penalty showdown, Springvale's scorers were Jackie Gollan, Gordon Bentley, John Patten, goalkeeper Runje and player-coach Ian Greener. Frank Macleod, Bennie Ferrie and Gerry Reilly converted for Albion but Peter Dickson struck his attempt wide of the post.

Albion defender Macleod turned up at half time, thinking that it was a 3pm kick-off. Young Steve Douglas played left back for Albion and did very well. Unfortunately for the youngster he was injured just before half time and had to be replaced at the interval. Gerry Reilly switched to left back for the remainder of the match and turned in a superb performance.

Springvale featured new signings John Luyten from Ringwood Wilhelmnia, Gordon Bentley from Melbourne and Bob Wright from North Dandenong. Big Wright missed a sitter from dead in front in the 95th minute then a mistake from Dean Hennessey led in Greener later in extra time but his shot was blocked on the line.

— JOE DOCHERTY

Carfara at half time.

Unmarked Frank Fragale leveled in the 57th minute when he pulled the ball down and lobbed it into the far corner of goal from 15 metres out.

Thomastown had a great chance to clinch the match with just three minutes left. Gordon Runje only had Ryan to beat but shot straight at the youngster who blocked well then quickly regained possession.

Then came extra time and Stirton's last gasp winner.

— MICK O'BRIEN

der from Thomastown keeper Carfara. Mark Lennon was a

lucky to kick decision just outside the Thomastown area. McIvor floated the ball across, Carfara dropped it and Paul Corke tapped in.

Five minutes later the sides were back on a level terms. Curran played up possession just outside the Doveton area and lobbed young Ryan to equalise.

Stirton won a long defensive clearance in the 52nd minute, heading on for McIvor who got clear and shot past Rappone, who had replaced

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Springvale deserved this victory. It was denied from wrapping up the match in either normal time or extra time by a couple of superb saves from Albion goalkeeper Danny Lacock.

When it came down to the penalty showdown, Springvale's scorers were Jackie Gollan, Gordon Bentley, John Patten, goalkeeper Runje and player-coach Ian Greener. Frank Macleod, Bennie Ferrie and Gerry Reilly converted for Albion but Peter Dickson struck his attempt wide of the post.

Albion defender Macleod turned up at half time, thinking that it was a 3pm kick-off. Young Steve Douglas played left back for Albion and did very well. Unfortunately for the youngster he was injured just before half time and had to be replaced at the interval. Gerry Reilly switched to left back for the remainder of the match and turned in a superb performance.

Springvale featured new signings John Luyten from Ringwood Wilhelmnia, Gordon Bentley from Melbourne and Bob Wright from North Dandenong. Big Wright missed a sitter from dead in front in the 95th minute then a mistake from Dean Hennessey led in Greener later in extra time but his shot was blocked on the line.

— JOE DOCHERTY

Carfara at half time.

Unmarked Frank Fragale leveled in the 57th minute when he pulled the ball down and lobbed it into the far corner of goal from 15 metres out.

Thomastown had a great chance to clinch the match with just three minutes left. Gordon Runje only had Ryan to beat but shot straight at the youngster who blocked well then quickly regained possession.

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Chris Ogden, Frank Macleod, Dave Stuart, Graham Williams and maybe Tommy Spalding all have gone to Albion Rovers, along with coach Hugh Murray and team manager Joe Docherty who had been in charge of the Kew first team last year.

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Kew however, is fortunate to have the Keenan brothers, George and Gary, to promote to its first team ranks. George Drouge and Paul Campbell

are other youngsters who will figure prominently in the club's plans this year.

Kew has signed Andy Smale from Keilor Austria and Mickey Brazil from Moreland and is hopeful of completing Jim Green's transfer from Melbourne this week.

Another newcomer, Joe Thompson, should cross from Bell Park this week.

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Altona Gate goalkeeper Con Dimopoulos is available on a free transfer.

The 26 year old keeper previously played with Northcote City and can be contacted at work on 314 0266 ext. 266 or at home on 368 0513.

It's Lyndale v. Croatia

Progressive Provisional League outfit Lyndale United takes on Melbourne Croatia tonight (Wednesday) in a practice match at Barry Powell Reserve, Hailton Road, North Dandenong, starting at 6.45 pm.

The curtain raiser, between Lyndale and Brandon Park under-16's, kicks off at 6.45 pm. All Croatia supporters are invited to come. Lyndale will provide food and refreshments.

Lyndale has signed Steven Beale, John Karam, Alan Whittaker, Peter McCarthy and Mick Ryan. Beale, 21, a central defender, was signed from North Dandenong. Karam is a 21 year old midfielder signed from Sunshine.

McCarthy, a 26 year old Scot, has been outstanding in midfield in recent practice matches. Whittaker, a full back, was signed from Frankston Pines.

Young Keith Romp, a product of Lyndale's juniors, has impressed recently and may win a spot in Lyndale's first team squad.

Nick Karantonis, a 17 year old centre forward, recently has been included in the Victorian youth team squad. Karantonis scored for the youth squad in its recent 3-2 defeat by Morwell Falcons.

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Occasionally, the words of the coach were drowned by the trains flashing by on the other side of the ground.

Darkness descended after an hour and the inconsiderate motorists refused to stop and flash their headlights onto the ground to help the players prepare for the 1983 seasons.

Maybe now you can see the reason for my opening paragraph which leaves me wondering about planning.

It also set me thinking about facilities in general and conditions under which players must prepare and coaches are expected to do their job correctly.

In short, the above facilities for two clubs are just not good enough.

Now that daylight saving has ended and training under

Rubbish training at Heidelberg

NEW DISCOVERY: A professor from Caulfield Institute has developed a new game very similar to soccer. If he had gone to Olympic Park two weeks ago he would have seen that **AUSTRALIA** has been playing it for years.

HOT CUP: That is what the Buffalo Cup turned out to be. The cup was put on display all during the game which was played in 38°C heat. When big Stevie McCombe accepted the trophy at the end of the game he nearly burnt the fingers off himself. As you can imagine the cup was red hot. Maybe Lou Kastner should have accepted the cup for Croydon, he was the only one wearing gloves. Then again Lou might have dropped it.

BIG HIT: It seems Doug Brown is still a big favorite with his former fans. Well it looked as if they still love him

LAUGHS WITH THE DOC

By JOE DOCHERTY



Kenny, and like a startled fawn he bolted back to Heidelberg, nicking as many rubbish bins as he could on the way there.

Kenny had some important office work to attend to so, quickly placing eleven bins on the ground, he instructed his trusty right-hand man Leo Semmes to put the players to the test. After about an hour in the office (counting Jim Tansey's signing-on fee) Kenny headed for the ground to get a progress report. He nearly crapped himself when Leo said "The bins are winning 3-0".

by the amount of drinks they threw to him during the National Cup game. Unfortunately the drinks were still in the cans at the time.

LEARNING: After the 5-0 defeat at the hands of Green Gully, Heidelberg coach Ken Morton wanted to know the secret of Len McKendry's success. So he (Kenny) slipped into Ajax's ground to watch one of their training sessions. He watched in amazement as Len placed rubbish bins all over the ground and then instructed his players to weave in and out between the bins. That's it, thought

P.K. KING: Big John (Rab Haw) Taylor has made the column for the second week in a row. Apparently he took a penalty kick for Heidelberg-Bundoora last week and hit the bar. This is not unusual for Big J. He hits the bar quite regularly especially the bar in "The Windsor Castle", "The Golden Gate", "The Star", "The Royal", etc., etc. Let's hear it for Big John: Hic! Hic! Hurray.

DINKS: Suave Sav (Andy Savage) nearly burst the 'dinkometer' last Monday when he told us he was 'up' at the reception he got while playing in Hong Kong.

Ten points to George McMillan (Preston). While at Geoff Faulkner's wedding, the waitress asked if she could take his plate away — Big George came out with an excellent "NO WORRIES".

GRIFF'S BACK: Dave Griffith's is back in town after a holiday in the U.K. and the lad is ready to go if any club is interested. Dave is a fast-moving striker who has a wicked shot with neither foot. His biggest asset is his unusual knack of missing open goals. "Griff" is not too demanding when it comes to wages. But it will cost you a bloody fortune to get him.



Ken Morton

tune in search for his shirt collars.

THE CLASH: The Lyndale Utd v Murrumbidgee game is fast becoming the sports event of the season. Bass agencies all over Melbourne are battling to cope with the demand for tickets. Also bus companies are being inundated with request for special services to the Big venue. The reason? Keep reading this column for the answer.



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

How Falcao helped Conti beat Brazil

ALTHOUGH BORN AND REARED IN ITALY, BRUNO CONTI NARROWLY CHOSE TO PURSUE A SOCCER CAREER OVER BASEBALL. IT APPEARED AT FIRST TO BE A POOR DECISION AS THE WINGER'S REMARKABLE SKILLS WERE OVERLOOKED BY THE FANS AND CRITICS. BUT THE 1982 WORLD CUP CHANGED ALL OF THAT. CONTI LEFT FOR SPAIN WITH THE ITALIAN NATIONAL TEAM UNCERTAIN OF A SPOT IN THE STARTING LINEUP AND LATER RETURNED HOME AS THE MAN WHOSE INTOXICATING AND SPIRITED DRIBBLING AND PASSING HELPED ITALY ROLL OVER THREE WORLD POWERS ENROUTE TO ITS THIRD WORLD CUP CHAMPIONSHIP.

By ALMIR SANTRE

Bruno Conti, one of the players who put the force in "Forza Azzurra," no longer goes unnoticed in a crowd. However, for many seasons with Roma, Conti's pinpoint passing, marvellous dribbling and intelligence off the ball were curiously overlooked by Roma fans and the press.

It took Italy's triumph in the 1982 World Cup to change this right winger from an unsung hero into a star. His inspired performance, which included plays like the brilliant assist on a Cabrini goal against Argentina, seemingly woke up an entire nation. Upon his return home, many Italians were giving Conti more credit than Paolo Rossi for the victory.

The Conti story almost never happened, and for a highly unlikely reason. Born in Nettuno, a town near Rome, the young Conti became involved in the area's passion for an American import, baseball. "Sunday is the day for soccer all over Italy," he said, "except for Nettuno. There, that's the day for baseball."

Conti developed into the town's star pitcher, reportedly good enough at 16 to attract a scholarship offer from USC.

His parents rejected the offer, however, and Conti turned his attention to soccer, another sport at which he excelled.

"The people in my hometown were crazy about baseball," he recalled. "So was I, but I could not immunize myself from the national pastime." Conti had already been scouted by Roma as a 14-year-old, and by the time of the baseball offer Roma coach Niels Liedholm was ready to sign him to the junior team.

Thus began Conti's "disappearance" as a soccer



Italy and Roma star Bruno Conti (left) pursuing Karl-Heinz Foerster of West Germany

player. He was later loaned to Genoa, returned to Roma at 20 and loaned back to Genoa, all the while quietly improving.

Finally, a breakthrough in his career came when the Swedish Liedholm returned after an absence to coach Roma in 1979, and his first request was the return of Conti. It was a high compliment for the youngster because Liedholm's second request was the acquisition of Brazilian star midfielder Falcao. Both requests were granted, and both turned out to be masterstrokes.

With the teaming of Conti and Falcao, Conti gained a new dimension as a player. "Before Roberto Falcao, I used to run like a crazy man for the first 45 minutes," he said. "With Falcao, I've learned to pace myself and play the full 90 minutes. And, of course, my productivity has increased as a result."

Still, it took a lucky chain of

events for Conti to realize his second, and most important, breakthrough. Italy eventually qualified for the '82 World Cup, but not without a long string of injuries and heaps of domestic criticism along the way for its lacklustre play.

Under pressure from all sides (including Roma, which insisted that its players be utilized), Italian national team coach Enzo Bearzot moved two-time World Cup veteran Franco Causio, 32, from right wing to the middle and put Conti on the front line.

Finally on stage, Conti demonstrated to the coach his long and short passing skills, his powerful shot with either foot, his uncanny ability to manoeuvre in traffic and his overall vision. When Italy squared off against Poland in its first

game of Mundial '82, Conti was a fixture at right wing. Antognoni was back at midfield and Causio was on the bench.

What Conti showed over the next seven matches was no surprise to one man: Roberto Falcao. Upon his arrival in Rome in 1980, the Brazilian star told the media at a press conference that Conti was "the most diabolical wing in soccer," likening him to former superstar Garrincha.

He went one step further on the eve of the World Cup, predicting that Conti would emerge from the tournament as an international sensation.

Falcao's crystal ball was right, but he could not foresee his own greatest disappointment, a game which provided the 12th World Cup with perhaps its most touching moment.

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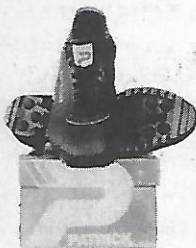
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CHARLTON SET TO AXE SIMONSEN

Alan Simonsen, the Danish international striker and former European Footballer of the Year who cost Charlton around \$800,000 a few months ago from Barcelona, has become something of a disenchantment to the London side battling to keep in the Second Division and deep in debt. Charlton expected big star Simonsen to boost its gates and lift its game but the player, reported to be on \$3000 a week, has failed on both counts and Charlton is poised to sell him.

Aussie-bound?

Both Jimmy Hill and Brian Moore, anchormen of BBC's 'Match of the Day' and 'The Big Match' respectively, may be interested in offers from Australian T.V. next season.

For the Football League chairmen have finally turned down the BBC/ITV offer of \$10.6 million to screen programmes for the next two years. The clubs too are unhappy at the continued refusal of the media to permit shirt advertising. But as there are several months to go before the present TV/Soccer contract expires several more pay-offs will take place between the two parties although the television hierarchy has said that this is the final offer. But even if the screens are blank for the weekly soccer programmes on T.V. England's international matches and the F.A. Cup finals won't be affected.

Sexy ref

Saucy soccer referee Janet Walsley, 35, a divorcee with



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four children who was recently axed by a London Amateur Association for having an after-the-match shower alongside the players, has been reinstated on orders of the London F.A. Janet, a qualified referee for three seasons, said there were no alternative facilities at the club for females and added that she had kept her knickers on.

Breitner coach

West German National Team star Paul Breitner will assume an assistant coaching job with Bayern Munich following the current Bundesliga season. The veteran midfielder, who hopes to one day become a head coach, announced earlier that this would be his last season as a player.

\$1.5m job

Former Hungarian, Spanish and Yugoslavian national team star Ladislao Kubala has signed a one-year contract to coach El Hilal of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, for a cool \$1.5 million. Kubala's coaching experience includes a stint as Spanish National Team coach.

'Souvenirs'

Officials of an Oslo hotel have sent the Yugoslavian soccer federation a hefty bill following the discovery that Yugoslavian National Under-23 'A' Team players had taken everything from bed sheets to fixtures during their recent stay.

Fillo duped

Goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol, who helped Argentina win the 1978 World Cup and played for his country in the '82 World Cup, lost most of his life's savings in a bogus real estate deal. Authorities re-

ported that Fillol paid a man roughly \$1 million for property in Chaco, an Argentine province 270 miles northeast of Buenos Aires. Unfortunately for Fillol, the seller, who has since disappeared, did not own the land.

Team America

New side in the NASL whose new season kicks off late April is Team America, which replaces the disbanded Washington Diplomats and will play at Washington's ground, the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, in the White House city. Backers of Team America hope to recruit the top American-born players from the 20 in that category and hope that the side will be good enough eventually to represent the United States in the 1986 World Cup. NBC has guaranteed Team America regular coverage.

In brief . . .

Lincoln City directors likely to quit after the chairman was hounded and threatened with death after refusing to give manager Colin Murphy around \$60,000 to buy two players. . . Tony Barton the Aston Villa manager says that Juventus is the best side they have ever played. . . Dino Zoff celebrated his 41st birthday. . . Gary Brooke the Spurs player seriously injured in a car crash several weeks ago, won't play again this season. . . Liverpool likely to get Danish star Michael Laudrup for \$500,000 by the summer. . . Martin Wilkinson quit as manager of Peterborough United and Bob Paisley has said that despite being down 2-0 to Widzew Ledz in the European Cup Liverpool will make up the deficit and win through to the next round in the second leg at Anfield.

Close shave

Bayern Munich almost lost its record of not losing a European tie at home for five years when it met Aberdeen in a goalless draw in the first leg of the European Cup Winners' cup quarter final first leg in Germany. The Scots had the balance of play and were without their star player Gordon Strachan for most of the game.

Mighty Lodz

English clubs have an appalling record against Widzew Lodz in Poland prior to Liverpool's 2-0 defeat, Manchester United, Ipswich Town and Manchester City had all failed to score in Lodz.

13 booked

Thirteen players were booked and three sent off in the Spanish Cup match between Seville and Real Betis. Seems rest of the Spanish clubs are learning from notorious Barcelona.

Jennings' 1000

Pat Jennings, 37, the Arsenal and Northern Ireland keeper has become the first British player to chalk up 1000 appearances in first class soccer.

Popular lad

Liverpool, Barcelona, Juventus, Feyenoord and PSV Eindhoven are all reported to be chasing Denmark's 18 year old star striker Michael Laudrup who plays for Bremen. Laudrup has been coached and guided to the top by his father a former Danish international himself.

Slimming

Ian "Guy the Gorilla" Botham has announced he plans to get back into shape for cricket by playing soccer. Apart from being a professional cricketer, Botham also is on the books with English Fourth Division club Scunthorpe United — the club which boasts former England captain Kevin Keegan among its ex-players. The English all-rounder says he hopes to rid himself of the portly figure and at the same time sort out his worrying back and side troubles.



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Questo fine settimana scatta il campionato di Lega Statale, un campionato che si annuncia il più interessante e tecnicamente elevato da quando la creazione della Lega Nazionale lo aveva ridotto ad una competizione di seconda divisione.

I punti d'interesse sono molti, ma probabilmente tutti fanno capo alla inevitabilità di una ristrutturazione del calcio al massimo livello, con il possibile avvento di una Lega Nazionale regionalizzata che vedrebbe l'inclusione delle migliori squadre del campionato locale.

Questo è indubbiamente il motivo che ha spinto il Green Gully a mantenere i suoi migliori giocatori e, tutto sommato, a rinforzarsi. Questo il motivo che spingerà Croatis, Juventus, Morwell, Croydon e

George Cross a fare bella figura e, possibilmente, a insidiare i campioni del Green Gully. Dietro queste squadre di punta, il Fawkner potrebbe essere la grande sorpresa, mentre qualcosa di buono lo si potrebbe aspettare dal Polonia... quindi il baratro dei vari Ringwood, Doveton, Albion, Box Hill e Northcote e la posizione speciale del South Melbourne Hellas che, ridotto a squadra riserve-vivale della formazione di Lega Nazionale, non può essere presa sul serio, anche se indubbiamente darà dei buoni risultati.

Green Gully Sempre Favorito

Alla fine del campionato scorso, con le ventate partenze di McLaglan e Gardner, alle quali finì di aggiungersi anche McLeod, molti pensarono che il Green Gully si sarebbe disintegrato poiché i giocatori del calibro di Peter e Paul Lewis e di Stewart Cannell sarebbero stati sicuramente accappati da squadre di Lega Nazionale.

Invece il comitato del club ha saputo tener d'un fiato tutti i suoi migliori giocatori; quindi ha preceduto a rimpiazzare Gardner e McLeod con Short e Toal, magari guadagnando tecnicamente nello scambio, e ha completato lo scenario con l'assunzione dell'allenatore McKendry, uno dei migliori in senso assoluto in Australia, anche se molto critico per la sua tattica rinunciataria messa in mostra l'anno scorso con l'Heidelberg.

McKendry è un "ragioniere" del calcio che mira a vincere e che adatta il suo modo di pensare alla disponibilità di giocatori. A Green Gully non sarà certo rinunciatario e, giusto per cominciare, ha immediatamente scoperto di avere in Smallman un fuoriclasse di indubbio valore. L'ex nazionale gallese quest'anno sarà fra i protagonisti del campionato e l'uomo che risolverà favorevolmente molte partite.

Prendere come metro del suo comportamento in campionato la vittoria per 5-0 sull'Heidelberg nella finale dell'Ampol Cup sarebbe errato; innanzitutto perché l'Ampol Cup non viene vinta dalla squadra migliore ma da quella più affiatata e più in forma; secondariamente perché l'Heidelberg di quella finale sarebbe stata battuta da molte squadre perché nel bel mezzo di una crisi tecnica ed amministrativa.

Ma Ampol Cup a parte, è sicuro che il Green Gully farà da battistrada al campionato. Fra le inseguitrici sicuramente ci sarà il Croydon guidato dal sempreverde Rooney e molto omogeneo in tutti i reparti; il Croatia sarà anch'esso tradizionalmente un avversario di tutto rispetto che avrà in Curcio, Lallo e Parton dei giovani che sicuramente esploderanno, mentre gente come Brogan, Adams, Biskic e Fawkner la sanno più lunga del diavolo e non c'è da escludere che John Garner possa ancora dare il suo contributo

Parte un gran campionato statale

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come giocatore; il George Cross, dopo l'assorbimento del Sunshine con la dote di un campo ed una sede sociale, deve essere considerato fra i protagonisti del campionato, anche se fino ad ora ha piuttosto deluso e potrebbe presto rimpiazzare il suo allenatore Tony Vella.

Juventus Con Le Polveri Bagnate

Le tre "italiane", Juventus, Morwell e Fawkner saranno anche fra le protagoniste di questo campionato, in senso generale. In quanto a risultati, nessuna delle tre ha ancora dato segni definitivi di quello che potrà essere il comportamento in campo.

La Juventus aspira, se non altro, a vincere il campionato "italiano" per rimanere la squadra guida nel nostro ambiente e, con un po' di fortuna, anche il campionato assoluto. Cose che sono possibilissime se la squadra di Margaritis riuscirà a segnare con molto più consistenza di quanto ha fatto in pre-campionato.

La retrovia e il centrocampo, con l'arrivo di Drinocky e Rogers e il sicuro impiego di un Cavallari finalmente allenato e intenzionato a farcela, non destano preoccupazioni, specialmente se Pat Bannan si limiterà a fare strattagemme lo "sweeper" senza ambizioni di "libero", che sono poi due ruoli essenzialmente diversi e se la posizione del portiere viene risolta al più presto o con il recupero di Clayton o con la definitiva fiducia a Fantoma. Quello che purtroppo desta preoccupazione, a Margaritis prima di tutti, è il reparto avanzato dove non esiste uno stoccatore capace di risolvere le partite, anche se il giovane Zinni ha portato una nota molto positiva.

Margaritis dovrà presto arrendersi con i fatti: che French non è più uno stoccatore e trovarli quindi un altro ruolo che potrebbe anche essere in panchina. Chi metterà al suo posto?

Incanalando potrebbe anche essere l'uomo più di cui la Juventus ha bisogno, ma i suoi impegni con la nazionale giovanile lo chiameranno spesso lontano dalle sue responsabilità con la Juventus e il suo impiego a centrocampo con il verde-oro rende questo nuovo ruolo alquanto difficile da assimilare; Kevin Lloyd ha ancora dei problemi tecnici e di ambientamento e per noi renderebbe meglio come mezzapunta; Nelson forse sarebbe la soluzione migliore perché più mobile e fusto in zona di tiro, e nemmeno lui è centravanti. La soluzione ideale perciò non esiste e, un club che apertamente aspira alla vittoria in campionato dovrebbe trovare i mezzi per assicurarsi una punta vera.

Il mercato purtroppo non offre molto, ma ci potrebbero presto essere delle possibilità nei "scarti" della Lega Nazionale. Gente come Alun Evans e Jamie Paton potrebbero risolvere la situazione, oppure si potrebbe rischiare con il giovane Boarot del Bulleen, un elemento tutto

brio che metterebbe scompiglio nelle difese avversarie specialmente agli inizi, quando cioè sarebbe sconosciuto e sottovalutato.

Se questo problema chiave verrà risolto quasi immediatamente, la Juventus avrebbe le carte in regola per puntare alla prima poltrona. E' uno sforzo che il comitato dovrebbe fare in quest'anno che promette costi bene sul piano amministrativo, sociale e finanziario... purché ci siano risultati sul campo.

Morwell Ottimo Sulla Carta

Il Morwell di Tony Boggi sembra invece non aver alcun problema in alcuno dei reparti, anche se il tecnico italiano sta ancora inseguendo un altro "pezzo da quaranta".

A Morwell Boggi ha ricreato l'ambiente ideale che aveva creato per McGuinness alla Juventus, dove la spalla Gillan e il refornitore Heery fecero di Boby il capocannoniere statale.

A Morwell le condizioni sono ancora migliori e tengono conto del fatto che McGuinness ha qualche anno in più e ovviamente è diventato meno mobile, ma ha sempre il dono di "inventare" reti. Mitten non è solo una spalla, ma un terribile e imprevedibile "cavallo matto", mentre Eric Young è un rifornitore più sapiente che Heery e, all'occorrenza, può anche tramutarsi in risolutore. Sull sinistra il lungo Van Barr he le stesse caratteristiche, anche se non la stessa classe, di Young.

A centrocampo McLean, Bingham e O'Callaghan sono giocatori di ottima levatura per affiancarsi a Young e in difesa la vecchia guardia di Smart, Darby, Train e Irvine farà buona guardia davanti a Whiteside, uno dei migliori portieri dello Stato.

Sulla carta perciò il Morwell appare formidabile e potrebbe scacciare una Juventus senza stoccatore, per insidiare seriamente il Green Gully per la prima poltrona, naturalmente Croatia permettendo.

Fawkner Meglio Del Previsto

Ultimo nell'ordine delle italiane, ma non necessariamente nei possibili risultati è il Fawkner. Le fortune della matricola del campionato di Lega Statale stanno migliorando con il passare delle settimane, dopo un pre-campionato alquanto deludente.

Innanzitutto l'arrivo dell'ex nazionale Palinkas ha dato più consistenza e esperienza alla squadra. Se egli prenderà sul serio il campionato statale dopo i fasti del gran calcio, il suo contributo sarà notevole. Andy Bozikas sembra stia finalmente ingranando dopo un campionato in sordina l'anno

scorso e giustificare quindi il suo nome e il suo passato.

Anche il nuovo acquisto Kojic sta migliorando con ogni partita, sorretto da grande esperienza e da una certa classe. Altre buone notizie per i tifosi azzurri e che Sergio Sabbadini è finalmente ristabilito completamente e prenderà il via con il campionato, mentre Bruno Sabidussi potrebbe essere nuovamente utilizzato in un paio di settimane.

Il ritorno di Sabbadini a terzo sinistro libererà il Jolly Schipano per un altro ruolo difensivo, possibilmente sulla destra dove Petrov lascia alquanto a desiderare. Gomey come libero è indubbiamente un punto di forza, mentre per Fawkner si aspetta un esame definitivo nella Lega Statale: egli ha buone qualità per riuscire, anche se manca di esperienza e cattiveria che potrebbero metterlo a dura prova contro gente del calibro di Mitten, McGuinness, Toal, Lewis, Brogan, Gilder e via di seguito. In porta Panas sta facendo cose egregie e si spera che presto Terzini ritrovi la sua forma, e il suo impegno, migliori dopo la lunga vacanza in Italia. Altrimenti ben farebbe il Fawkner ad assicurarsi il giovane Mezzadra dalla Juventus.

Se la difesa reggerà all'urto degli attacchi di Lega Statale, con la regia di Carlo Sabidussi, la classe del fratello Bruno, l'esperienza di Kojic, Palinkas e Bozikas e la gioventù di Tuffield e Anselma il centrocampo e l'attacco non desteranno preoccupazioni e il Fawkner potrebbe diventare una realtà del massimo campionato ancora prima del previsto.

Per concludere questa prima previsione di un campionato in cui, non bisogna dimenticare, la "palla d'ottone" del Green Gully parte nuovamente come favorito, anche se non è poi imbattibile come i risultati del pre-campionato farebbero pensare; il Croatia sarà sicuramente in lizza per le primissime posizioni; il Morwell ha tutte le carte in regola per essere fra le massime protagoniste; la Juventus ha bisogno di un centravanti che segna per ispirare al vertice e il Fawkner farà molto meglio di quanto era lecito aspettarsi un mese fa e potrebbe addirittura essere la grande sorpresa di questo campionato come lo fu il Morwell l'anno scorso. Sulla strada delle italiane ci saranno però sicuramente il Croydon e il South Melbourne e, probabilmente George Cross e Polonia.

Qualunque i risultati fra le varie squadre, è sicuro che il livello tecnico di questo campionato 1983 sarà elevato e che il pubblico ritornerà più numeroso sugli spalti della Lega Statale, grazie all'avvento del Fawkner che rivitalizzerà la comunità sportiva italiana, al miglioramento amministrativo e logistico del George Cross, ad un ritorno del Croatia e al buon comportamento del Polonia.

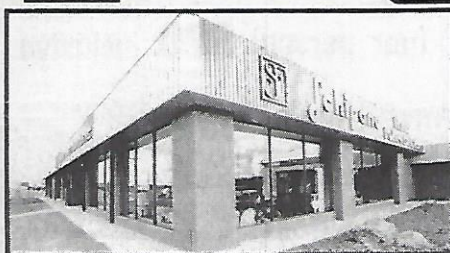


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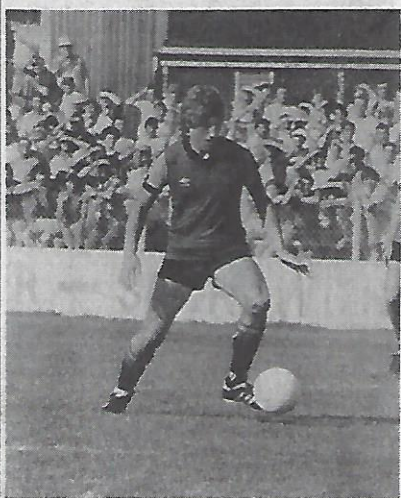
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